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1 INTRODUCTION

Background

There are many automated processes with sophisticated capabilities for design, specification, cost estimating, construction planning, scheduling, post-occupancy evaluation, and maintenance resource prediction. However, since many of these systems have been independently developed for particular disciplines or phases, they have never before been integrated into a complete, coordinated, and integrated project management system.

The entire design and project management process is accomplished by several groups, working independently, using different and uncoordinated databases, each of which uses computer-aided techniques and systems to simplify its work and to assure accuracy and completeness. Information is usually transferred between groups on paper, if at all. The Corps of Engineers, which acts as the project/construction management agent for other organizations, transfers much information between agencies in this way. Consequently, the record of the decisionmaking process is often discontinuous and sometimes irrecoverable.

Recent advances in the processing and storage capacities of the personal computer (PC) have made programs and databases previously considered to be mainframe applications widely available. These technological advances have facilitated the development of complex programs that can coordinate complex processes of management. The SARA Project Delivery System is one such program that may help to integrate the parts of the Corps of Engineers' facilities acquisition process, and to maintain a complete records archive, from design to disposal. Appendix A shows a flow-chart diagram of the SARA Project Management System.

Objective

The objective of this investigation was to determine if the SARA System could support the Corps of Engineers' facilities acquisition process, either totally or in part.

Approach

The SARA System was reviewed and its capabilities were compared to the demands of the Corps of Engineers' facilities acquisition process. The SARA System was demonstrated using Corps of Engineers' design and construction data. Corps of Engineers' Field Operating Agencies (FOAs) (hands-on users) were invited to evaluate and critique the SARA System and its application to Corps procedures.

Scope

This report is limited to the review and evaluation of the SARA System for project management. It is believed that, at this time, the SARA System is the only program of its kind offering a fully integrated, interactive professional design and management tool designed to assist the professional user in all phases of project management. This investigation was limited to evaluating SARA's adaptability to Corps of Engineers procedures.

Mode of Technology Transfer

The results of this investigation will be forwarded to the Headquarters of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (HQUSACE) for further action.

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2 PROJECT DELIVERY OVERVIEW

The SARA system automatically develops a complete project analysis based on as few parameters as geographic location, bid date, and population to be served. As the project matures and specific project information becomes available, new data is entered into the SARA modules (Program, Estimate, Footprint, Schedule, and Track), which enable the program to estimate, schedule, and track data as it is updated.

The Project Delivery capability of the SARA system can be used for new construction, renovations, modeling and forecasting. The system user may access any module at any time to achieve any desired level of detail. The system user may also override the project data developed by SARA to more closely match the specific requirements of a particular project.

SARA provides the system user with solutions, never a blank spreadsheet, at every point of the facility development stage. The solutions provided by SARA reflect those building factors typically applied to facilities of similar type and function constructed across the United States. This is accomplished using a compilation of carefully gathered data from construction projects administered by facility professionals over the last 25 years. By allowing SARA to perform the time-consuming calculations while applying expert rules during the project development stages, facility professionals can more effectively use their professional expertise.

SARA performs facility development functions through an "inference engine"; therefore, the system actually "learns" as a facility develops. As data is entered into a module, SARA automatically impacts and updates the project data contained in all of the other system modules to develop a comprehensive facility program. SARA is divided into five interactive modules: Program, Footprint, Estimate, Schedule and Track.

Program Module

SARA's Program module will automatically assemble a complete facility, including space

requirements, room relationships, room sizes, and cost information, using the appropriate Control Estimate Generator (CEG) standards and guidelines. SARA develops both assignable and nonassignable spaces from which an accurate net-to-gross ratio and building footprint can be generated. The system uses historical cost databases to develop a cost by room for the facility, the cost for moveable equipment, the occupancy and the quality of the facility. The program net-to-gross and cost is therefore representative of both the actual facility being developed and the historic quality and unique requirements for the facility.

Footprint Module

The SARA Footprint module automatically produces facility definitions and space relationships using the standards and guidelines developed from the CEG or program data. This becomes a very useful tool in facility programming, since it provides the facility programming professional with an optimized footprint of the facility under evaluation, based on the appropriate codes, standards, guidelines, and other requirements. Through a graphic interface, the programmer can quickly and accurately define a facility to the most stringent requirements (Appendix B). The facility definition information is produced in both tabular and graphic formats that reflect the space relationships, structural requirements, egress requirements, and many other requirements developed from the CEG system.

Estimate Module

The Estimate Module automatically performs the first order engineering cost analysis from which a comprehensive detailed cost estimate is ultimately produced. The SARA system develops each of the building systems required to construct the facility. The detailed cost estimate includes the individual task descriptions, along with quantities and totals that are subdivided into equipment, labor, and materials in the Computer Aided Cost Engineering System (CACES) Crew Composition Database and the CACES Labor and Equipment Database. A detailed cost estimate can be developed to reflect the facility program, engineered and design parameters, facility systems, and/or a quantity takeoff. The engineered cost analysis provides the ideal

mechanism for value engineering. Different building systems can be rapidly evaluated for their impact on facility cost, project delivery time and project budget cash flow. When the USACERL-developed Maintenance Resource Prediction Model (MRPM)¹ is linked with the SARA System, a Life Cycle Cost Analysis (LCCA), in terms of operations and maintenance (O&M) cost projections, can be generated. The impact of design and engineering decisions can be immediately analyzed and evaluated, both in terms of the immediate construction cost and the long-range O&M cost. SARA also provides the means for evaluating contractor-proposed alternates and change orders often associated with a project.

Schedule Module

The Schedule module automatically develops a complete day-by-day, task-by-task project schedule for the project, based on the facility detailed cost estimate generated by the SARA Estimate module. The project schedule is based on a dynamic calendar developed by the system to include each of the activities assembled in the detailed cost estimate, and will encompass the total time required from concept to occupancy. The project schedule can encompass all related project activities including design, site, and construction. Alternates and change orders can be rapidly addressed and their impact on the schedule evaluated. It is also possible to evaluate the impact of different systems on the project schedule, thus providing the value engineering process not only a cost analysis, but also a time analysis related to the ultimate completion date.

Track Module

The Track module serves as an information source for calculating the anticipated cash flow and as a management tool to monitor the project budget and schedule. A schedule of values is created, which includes all of the tasks from the detailed cost estimate. Each task is assigned the appropriate percentage of the project budget. Each percentage is calculated as the amount of equipment, labor and materials required to accomplish that task as it relates to the total contract amount. The scheduled percent complete for any date can be determined as well as the projected amount of the pay request for

that date. This makes it possible to produce an accurate month-by-month cash flow report, which is produced in both tabular and graphic formats. Contractor-proposed alternates and change orders can be rapidly addressed and their impact on the schedule evaluated. When a project is monitored on a regular basis, the potential for the facility to be completed "on budget" and "on time" is significantly increased.

CACES/CEG Integration

When the extensive databases developed for the CACES and CEG systems are incorporated into the SARA System, they produce a unified and enhanced project-analysis system. The project-analysis methodology executed by the Corps of Engineers is parallel to that of SARA; therefore the merge of data and software between CACES and the Project Delivery System is mutually beneficial to both organizations.

The following information will explain in precise detail the steps that have been executed to show the capability to integrate the SARA System with the Corps of Engineers databases and cost engineering methodologies.

The objective of the software integration evaluation is to outline the incorporation procedure of the CACES information with the SARA System. The following tasks are included in the evaluation and have been closely examined by SARA Systems, Inc.

1. Evaluate the potential for integrating the CACES National Price Book Database into the SARA System to produce Quantity Takeoff Detailed Estimates.
2. Evaluate the potential for integrating the CACES Crew Composition Database into the SARA System to produce Dynamically Defined Crews and Task Durations. This will be evaluated in reference to integration with the SARA Scheduling module and Resource Evaluation. In addition, the Dynamically Defined Crew, based on the CACES Crew Composition Database and resulting Task Durations, will be evaluated for integration with the CACES National Price Book Database to produce detailed labor and equipment costs.

3. Evaluate the potential for integrating the CACES Labor and Equipment Database with the Dynamically Defined Crews and the Detailed Quantity Takeoff, based on the CACES National Price Book Database. The result would be to determine if sufficient labor categories and equipment categories presently exist within the CACES Labor and Equipment Database, or if additional categories will be required to reasonably produce labor and equipment costs and resource leveling in the Scheduling module.

4. Evaluate the potential for integration of the Detailed Quantity Takeoff Estimate produced by integration of the CACES National Price Book Database, CACES Crew Composition Database, and the CACES Labor and Equipment Database with the SARA Scheduling module and the investigation of the application of the SARA automated scheduling techniques.

5. Evaluate the potential for integration of the CEG information into the SARA Programming module and investigate the application of SARA's automated facility definition and layout procedures to the facilities defined with the CEG.

6. Evaluate the potential for integration of the CEG facilities defined by the SARA Program module with the Detailed Estimate module to produce Detailed Quantity Takeoff Estimates from Engineered Parameters based on the facility program. Understand the impact of this capacity on the process of Value Engineering and Life Cycle Cost Analysis in terms of O&M cost using the Maintenance Resource Prediction Model.

7. Evaluate the potential for integration of the SARA System's Engineered Parameters module with the CACES Database-Driven Detail Quantity Takeoff System.

8. Evaluate the potential for integrating the SARA System's Footprint module with the CEG information to permit input relating to facility definition.

9. Evaluate the potential for integrating of the SARA System's Tracking Module with the CACES and CEG Database-Driven Project Delivery System.

3 EVALUATIONS

Evaluation of Item 1

Evaluate the potential for integrating the CACES National Price Book Database into the SARA System to produce Quantity Takeoff Detailed Estimates.

Summation

A complete integration between the CACES National Price Book and the SARA Project Delivery System was proven successful by the SARA Professional Evaluation Team. The specific goal of this evaluation was to determine the feasibility of matching the CACES information to the SARA format. The current data format of the CACES information has been modified to match the SARA format. This standardized format is a crucial element within SARA due to an extensive menu scheme rigidly followed by each of the SARA modules.

Methodology

The CACES National Price Book contains the informational equivalent of the SARA Task Database, where each system is based on the Construction Specification Index (CSI) format. Both informational databases contain specific data related to construction building materials, from which an ultimate cost analysis can be developed.

SARA is designed as a windows environment format, using a large number of pop-up windows and pull-down menus. The selection of data through the use of pull-down menus is the primary element the CACES information must routinely follow.

SARA uses short descriptions with maximum line lengths of 60 characters. This results in a precise and detailed description. The system user can then very rapidly review the detailed descriptions and select the option that most closely matches the specific project requirements.

The SARA menus operate using a hierarchical menu format. The first-level hierarchical menu

contains a broad description, encompassing numerous related options.

The second-level menu contains a more detailed breakdown. Notice that as each successive level is accessed, the system leaves a clear highlighted path back to the first information searched.

When the final-level menu is displayed, the user selects the option that most precisely matches the requirements of the project. The CACES information has been transformed to match the SARA hierarchical menu format.

CACES Format

The primary difference between the two materials databases is the format in which the information is displayed. The format display of such information is a critical component of integration between the two systems.

Both systems use the Construction Specification Index (CSI) hierarchical materials format. Each successive level yields more detailed information. The CACES interpretation of the CSI materials implements a seven-level hierarchy, where each individual level displays an abstract description. The facility professional must develop a mental or tabular summation, which is formulated from each of the seven individual abstract descriptions, to achieve a comprehensive final description of the construction material.

For example, a proposed facility requires a 38-pair Telephone Cable No. 22 AWG (American Wire Gauge), installed on poles aurally, which falls within CSI category 16 - Electrical. The CACES National Price Book contains 181 pages of materials related to electrical materials.

Step 1: Using the CACES National Price Book, the facility professional must first locate the first major CSI category of Division 16 Electrical on page 576. This appears in the form of a bold heading at the upper left hand corner of each page.

Step 2: The second-level categories related to electrical must be closely reviewed. "16050 Basic Materials and Methods" is

the second-level category located on page 576. Second-level categories are displayed as bold and listed once on each page just below the column headings.

Step 3: At the third-level CSI category, each category must be carefully reviewed for the "16120 Wire and Cable" category. "16120 Wire and Cable" is found half-way down page 604 on the page designated 16114 Cable Trays. The levels are continuous and are not marked by page breaks. Third-level categories are indented and not bold, and appear as a sub-heading under the second-level CSI category on each page where the materials in that category occur.

Step 4: The fourth-level CSI category, "5000 Telephone Cable No. 22 AWG" is searched and found on page 611. Fourth-level categories are indented and shown only once as a heading to the category if all materials at that level appear on the same page. If the materials span more than one page, the heading will appear again at the beginning of the next page in the level four position. There is no message "continued" to distinguish initial from continued headings.

Step 5: The fifth-level CSI category, "5300 Installed on Poles, Aerially," is listed halfway down page 611, indented from the surrounding list, but not bold. A category at this level split by a page break will repeat the fifth-level category heading on the next page. Indication that the category is continued is through item numbers.

Step 6: At the sixth-level CSI category, the optional item materials may be selected from a menu.

Step 7: At the seventh and final CSI category, 2133 22 Ga. is selected on page 611.

Step 8: At this point, the facility professional/cost engineer is required to sum each of the CSI codes and descriptions, using a num-

ber of lines of information, to produce a final definition equivalent to 38-pair, Telephone Cable No. 22 AWG, installed on poles aurally:

- (level 1) Division 16—Electrical
- (level 2) 16050—Basic Materials and Methods
- (level 3) 16120—Wire and Cable
- (level 4) 5000—Telephone Cable NO. 22 AWG
- (level 5) 5300—Installed on Poles Aerially
- (level 6) 5310—Alternative Materials
- (level 7) 5313—38 Pair

Such a complicated procedure, for each material included in a detailed cost estimate, can become cumbersome. Many times, the facility professional/cost engineer must refer back to the page headings to remain directed. Any time a line needs cross-checking, the process slows and there is chance for error. Setting all necessary information on a single line which can be viewed easily at a glance for each material item speeds up access, and decreases error ratios. The SARA System already uses the single line detail and CACES easily integrates to that format.

Integration

The objective is to provide a transparent interface to the Micro-CACES (M-CACES)² estimate and the National Price Book, to take advantage of the strengths, while maintaining the features and individuality, of both databases.

The user interface to the National Price Book is located in the *add* submenu of *Task and Report* options in the Estimate module. The "Database" selection makes it possible to select either the SARA or the National Price Book database for task selection.

To interface at the technical level with the National Price Book, several issues have been addressed:

1. Indexing
2. Line Item Descriptions
3. Crew
4. Labor
5. Equipment.

The first action when selecting a National Price Book version for the first time is for the system to recognize and build a "hashed" index, or a method of directly referencing records in a database by doing algorithmic transformations on the search key. The result is an address or pointer that provides rapid and random access into the database.

There are many ways to turn a search key into a table address. SARA translates the character-based search key into a unique number. This number is then divided by a large prime number, and the modulus (remainder) is accessed as the table address. For example, the key AKEY would be changed to 44217. By using the prime number 107, the key AKEY "hashes" to position 80 in the table. Position 80 in the table has a corresponding address in the database file. Ideally, different search keys should map to different addresses, but occasionally two or more search keys will hash to the same table address. To overcome this collision, chaining is used to connect all colliding search keys to the table address.

For instance, the key CHAIN is represented by the value 61892 and also hashes to position 80 in the table. The corresponding address in the table position 80 is 1239. By looking at the record pointed to by 1239, it can be seen that this is not the correct record. By using the chain pointer that is included in the table location and chaining to another table location, another pointer to the database file can be found. This method of chaining is used until the correct record is found.

All M-CACES databases accessed by SARA use a hashed index. This provides a slightly larger code module, but the overall performance is greatly enhanced.

The second issue addressed to make the National Price Book function in a menu-driven computer based system was to modify the individual task item descriptions. This modification provides the end user a clear, concise, one-line description of a task presented in a menu format. However, to maintain the integrity of the National Price Book in its present dBASE format, these individual line-item descriptions are kept in a separate database. Access to the National Price Book is then obtained

by the CSI cross reference using the hash table built for the National Price Book. An individual task record is then retrieved from the National Price Book for access to crew codes, equipment, performance, etc. This information provides the basis for building an estimate record. Existing M-CACES estimates are then accessed and integrated for use with SARA System's modules. The first step is for the system to integrate the M-CACES estimate into the SARA System. Each record in the M-CACES estimate is read and mapped to the SARA System's Estimate module. This is done in a manner transparent to the user. Existing M-CACES estimates simply appear as projects within the SARA project menu. The integration can use the existing estimated costs or the estimate can be recalculated to take advantage of the dynamic crew configuration capabilities of the SARA System.

To allow for a complete integration of the CACES information with the SARA Task Database, and for the database to function as a SARA menu, the format of the CACES information required modification. The CACES seven-level descriptions were closely reviewed by the SARA Professional Evaluation Team to develop a unified, final CSI-level, 60-character description. The Professional Evaluation Team has determined that by developing the 60-character descriptions for the CACES materials database, the system user can quickly scroll through a final CSI-level menu to select the comprehensive description that best matches the project requirements.

The modified CACES materials database continues to implement a seven-level CSI hierarchical format, but using a detailed 60-character description for each item. The first level displays a broad description, and each successive level provides more detailed information.

The integration process of the seven-level CSI format of the CACES National Price Book Database required the SARA Professional Evaluation Team to first closely review each CACES material description. As each description was evaluated, the evaluation team then elaborated upon the CACES definition to produce a modified 60-character string description of each item. The new 60-character string description in each of the seven CSI levels allows the system user to receive a full

description of each material item in the CACES National Price Book Database.

To produce each of the CACES 60-character descriptions, the evaluation team first referenced the hard copy CACES National Price Book manual to develop the first level of CSI categories. Each subsequent level within the major CSI category was evaluated. Using the hard copy modifications, a data entry person then typed each of the unified 60-character descriptions in ASCII format. These ASCII CSI material descriptions are stored within a database, and are automatically accessed as a menu during the development of a detailed cost estimate using the SARA Estimate module.

SARA provides a "search" mechanism to help the user automatically find specific information. The search can be performed hierarchically, beginning at the most general level and successively moving toward the most precise. The search function also operates using a "keyword."

The system user is required to type a brief character description of the material and the system will search the database for all entries containing the keyword(s), retrieving all equivalent options. The selections will appear in the window as the CSI third-level selections.

For example, if 22-gauge, 4-in. ribbed, steel roof panels (1 in. = 25.4 mm) are to be included in a detailed cost estimate, the following set of steps would be executed using the modified CACES information.

CSI hierarchical format:

- Step 1: Using the modified CACES information, the system user selects "7 Thermal and Moisture Protection."
- Step 2: The second-level categories related to thermal and moisture protection appear and can be searched until "07400 Preformed Roofing and Siding" is located.
- Step 3: At the third-level CSI category, "07410N Roofing" is selected.

Step 4: At the fourth-level CSI category, "2000 Steel Roof Panels" is selected.

Step 5: At the fifth-level CSI category, "2100 Steel Roof Panels for Structural Steel Framing. Fasteners Included" is selected.

Step 6: At the sixth-level CSI category, "2130 4 In. Rib. Painted" is selected.

Step 7: At the seventh level, the detailed informational descriptions are displayed. The system user must review each description and select the option most closely matching the project requirements. The seven sequenced selections can be recommended as follows:

- (level 1) 7 Thermal and Moisture Protection
- (level 2) 07400 Preformed Roofing and Siding
- (level 3) 07410N Roofing
- (level 4) 2000 Steel Roof Panels
- (level 5) 2100 Steel Roof Panels for Structural Steel Framing, Fasteners Included
- (level 6) 2130 4 In. Rib. Painted
- (level 7) 2132 Str Stl Pnl 4-in. Rib Painted Str. Stl Framing 20 Ga
2133 Str Stl Pnl 4-in. Rib Painted Str. Stl Framing 22 ga.

Step 8: Once the detailed description is selected, SARA requires the unit quantity of steel roof panels, 4-in. ribbed, 22 gauge by unit.

Step 9: The scheduled zone is required for selection. The selected task information is processed and calculated by the system and added to the detailed cost estimate.

Keyword Method

Step 1: The system user types a brief character description of the building material of interest.

Step 2: SARA searches the CACES materials and displays the 6th-level options related to steel roof panels. The system user selects the 6th-level description.

(level 6) 21304 IN. RIB. PAINTED

Step 3: The final CSI-level descriptions appear for review and selection:

(level 7) 2132 Steel roof panels, 4-in. ribbed, 20 ga.; 2133 Steel roof panels, 4-in. ribbed, 22 ga.

Step 4: Once the detailed description is selected, SARA requires the unit quantity of steel roof panels, 4-in. ribbed, 22 ga. by unit.

Step 5: The scheduled zone is required for selection. The selected task information is processed and calculated by the system and added to the detailed cost estimate.

The SARA menu selection format makes the entire selection process much more efficient. The key to such an automated process is the implementation of menus and material definitions that accurately and precisely define each unique material.

Generation of the Detailed Cost Estimate

The modified CACES information, when incorporated into the SARA task selection process, facilitates the generation of a detailed cost estimate (Appendix C). While developing a detailed cost estimate, the SARA Estimate module automatically includes the amount of materials and also dynamically configures a crew, consisting of both labor and equipment. The performance levels of these crews and the material quantities are automatically passed into the SARA Schedule module to produce a comprehensive project schedule. The facility professional/cost engineer possesses the ability to easily modify the detailed cost estimate to more accurately reflect the unique characteristics of a specific project.

The detailed cost estimate can be generated by the SARA Estimate module using several methods, each of which accesses the modified CACES materials information.

Method 1: A comprehensive detailed cost estimate can be developed to reflect a facility program developed by the SARA Program module. The system automatically assembles each of the build-

ing materials, quantities, costs and crew configurations required to construct the programmed facility type.

Method 2: A detailed cost estimate can also be developed using the parametric method. The SARA Estimate module engineers each of the building systems associated with the design and function of the facility, where a building system represents a compiled group of construction materials. The detailed cost estimate is developed in a quantity takeoff format, producing a breakdown of construction materials, quantities, costs and crew configurations.

Method 3: The final method uses the quantity takeoff method. The facility professional/cost engineer extracts measurements and quantities from hard-line drawings. These quantities are then applied to the appropriate building materials, allowing the SARA Estimate module to calculate the associated costs and crew configurations.

During the development of a detailed cost estimate, the system automatically follows a five-step process.

Step 1: A construction material is selected either automatically by SARA or independently by the user.

Step 2: The system references the engineering parameters to determine the quantity of the material which will reflect the type, size, and function of the facility.

Step 3: The system dynamically configures a construction crew, which includes both labor and materials, to install the task quantity.

Step 4: A level of output is established for each crew configuration, which is based on national and/or local norms. Since both the material quantity and crew performance level is established for each task, a project schedule can be automatically generated by the SARA Schedule module to reflect the detailed cost estimate.

Step 5: The SARA Estimate module automatically generates the various cost reports related

to the detailed cost estimate. This is done as a result of the established material costs, labor rates, and equipment rates stored in each of the applicable system databases. SARA does the calculations necessary to achieve a total cost report that can be sorted in many useful patterns. Figure 1 shows a typical detailed cost estimate report.

The detailed estimate spreadsheet contains specific information related to the individual project tasks. In addition to the information above, the spreadsheet also contains the following information:

- item number
- alternate number
- keyword
- sort preferences 1, 2, 3
- CSI reference
- unit equipment
- scheduled zone
- unit labor
- description
- unit material
- unit quantity
- unit equipment, labor and materials
- unit measurement
- equipment factor
- unit equipment, labor and materials
- labor factor

Item No.	CSI Ref	Sched Zone	Description quantity	Unit el&m	Unit el&m	Total
1	3	B3	AA concrete, foundation wall	160 CY	43.00	6880.00
2	3	B2	AA concrete column stem, foundation wall	48 CY	43.00	2064.00
17	3	B2	AA concrete, slab on grade, 4"	1564CY	43.00	67252.00
Total						xxxxx.xx

Figure 1. A typical detail cost estimate report.

- total equipment, labor and materials
- material factor
- total shifts
- adjusted unit equipment
- units/shift
- adjusted unit labor
- scheduling zone
- adjusted unit material
- number of crews
- adjusted unit equipment, labor and materials.

The preceding takeoff quantity format can be developed at the program, schematic, preliminary and final stages of a project using the SARA Estimate module. All of the information developed in the SARA Estimate module is automatically passed forward into the SARA Schedule and Track modules and used as the basis for a project schedule, schedule of values and cash flow analysis.

To accurately evaluate the performance of the SARA Estimate module using the CACES databases, the integrated systems should be used by the District Offices of the Corps of Engineers to develop projects. These projects could be executed in parallel with the existing CACES system to determine the accuracy and compatibility within the environment of the Corps of Engineers.

Evaluation of Item 2

Evaluate the potential for integrating the CACES Crew Composition Database into the SARA System to produce Dynamically Defined Crews and Task Durations. This will be evaluated in reference to integration with the SARA Scheduling module and Resource Evaluation. In addition, the Dynamically Defined Crew based on the CACES Crew Composition Database and resulting Task Durations will be evaluated for integration with the CACES National Price Book Database to produce detailed labor and equipment costs.

Summation

The CACES Crew Composition Database, together with the CACES National Price Book Database, has been fully integrated with the SARA System to produce detailed cost estimates. The CACES Crew

Composition Database is an integral component of the CACES National Price Book Database when developing a complete project cost analysis. With both databases incorporated into the SARA System, the derived cost analysis will reflect the CACES material costs, labor rates, and equipment rates. The detailed cost estimate represents a comprehensive breakdown of materials subtotaled by equipment, labor, and materials.

Both the CACES Crew Composition Database and the SARA System use crew configurations to execute the performance of unique tasks. The CACES Crew Composition Database supplies a large number of permanently defined crews, while the SARA Estimate module supplies dynamically configured crews assembled by crew definition algorithms. When the CACES crew configurations are combined with SARA's dynamic crew definition algorithms, a unified and enhanced crew definition methodology is achieved.

CACES Methodology

The CACES Crew Composition Database is comprised of a large number of permanently defined crews and equipment combinations that are used to perform specific tasks. The crew composition will depend upon the type of task to be performed. The CACES National Price Book Database lists each material, a unit quantity, crew designation, crew daily output, unit man-hours, unit labor cost, unit equipment cost, unit material cost, total direct unit cost, and shipping weight. The CACES system cross-references the information between the CACES National Price Book Database and the CACES Crew Composition Database to perform the basic calculations associated with the production of a detailed cost estimate.

Often, the differences between the crew configurations will vary only by the productivity rates. The actual crew composition does not change.

Crew MSPFA (page 142)³

No.	Hours	Index	Craft/Equipment Name	Daily Cost
0.36	2.88	EMI20	Small Tools	3.74

Crew MSPFC (page 142)

No.	Hours	Index	Craft/Equipment Name	Daily Cost
0.72	5.76	EMI20	Small Tools	7.48

To closely review CACES crews MSPFA versus MSPFC, the prominent difference becomes a difference of productivity. By increasing the number of hours worked per day, the level of output/productivity is amplified.

SARA Methodology

The SARA Estimate module dynamically defines a crew for each construction task included in the detailed cost estimate. The crews are dynamically assembled by crew definition algorithms. SARA also dynamically assembles a crew composition for the placement of the materials included in a task. SARA first references the type and quantity of materials and then assembles the type and size of crew required to perform such activities. Such crew definition algorithms let SARA "learn" about a project. For example, when the placement of 200 yards of concrete is required on the second level of a facility, SARA will dynamically assemble the size and configuration of the crew to match the unique task. A crew configuration will include the unit quantity and unit cost of each type of labor and equipment. A crew configuration for this type of task may include:

No.	Rate	Description
6	22.02	Common building labors
1	28.68	Equipment operator, medium equipment
1	44.58	Crane and concrete pump
1	2.00	Concrete bucket 1 CY
1	18.56	Cement finisher
2	6.11	Gas engine vibrator

For each crew configuration, a daily performance level or level of output is automatically established. These performance levels are used by the SARA Schedule module to produce a daily or weekly schedule for the project. The system is flexible enough to adjust work schedules to accommodate union dictations, specific work regulations, or foreign national customs.

The SARA Schedule module uses the performance levels established for each crew to produce a complete task-by-task schedule for the proposed project. A duration is developed from each of the performance levels, thus allowing either a daily or

weekly schedule to be produced. The length of time required to perform the work associated with the task is also apparent in the overall project cost.

Once the crew database is established, direct user interaction is not required. The crew database functions in the background during the development of a detailed cost estimate, the operations transparent to the user. Several crew databases may exist concurrently within the SARA System, allowing the user to select the particular crew rates based on the specific project requirements.

When a project schedule is automatically developed by the SARA Schedule module, the number of available human resources and equipment can be defined. Limiting the number of resources will eliminate overscheduling of finite resources. The overall project schedule will show the impact of resource limitations.

Integration

The CACES Crew Composition Database has been integrated into the SARA System's Estimate module as a subdatabase to the National Price Book. The first time the CACES Crew Composition Database is accessed, a hashed index is built. This provides rapid random access to each crew selection. The same format and structures as used with the National Price Book are used with the CACES Crew Composition Database for consistency and performance. The existing crew database contains hard price summaries for equipment and labor. Because the SARA System configures that crew dynamically, the actual labor and equipment rates are re-performed and the total labor and equipment costs are figured dynamically.

This also makes it possible to load labor or equipment rates specific to a project site and have the estimate reflect these rates, thus creating a basis for a National Price Book for every project site instead of only by region. This results in estimates that should be significantly more accurate.

The CACES system contains numerous static crew configurations with associated productivity levels. This information, when evaluated with the SARA crew configuration algorithms, generates dynamically configured crews, ultimately producing a

precise cost analysis. The CACES Crew Composition Database is integrated with the SARA Estimate module through the use of additional algorithms that reflect the crew combinations compiled by the CACES system.

The CACES static crew combinations reflect a fixed project size and do not account for variables in size or complexity. In contrast, the SARA Estimate module dynamically assembles a crew to reflect variable size, complexity, location, productivity, and environmental impacts.

The integration process of the CACES Crew Composition Database with the SARA Estimate module required the SARA Professional Evaluation Team to closely examine each of the CACES predefined crew combinations and associated productivity. The evaluation data compiled from this process was then used to develop new and fine-tuned crew configuration algorithms, applying the CACES crew definition methodologies. Therefore, projects have crews dynamically configured to meet all variable facility elements.

Dynamic crew configurations effectively address each project variable to produce a crew of greatest efficiency and productivity. When human resources are limited in a particular trade, the dynamic crew configuration accommodates this finite resource and reflects the cost and schedule impacts. The dynamic crew configurations are used by the SARA Estimate module to derive an accurate cost analysis of each task. The cost and time information is passed automatically into the SARA Schedule module to produce a comprehensive day-by-day, task-by-task schedule for the proposed project.

To accurately evaluate the performance of the SARA Estimate module, using the CACES databases, the integrated systems should be used by the District Offices of the Corps of Engineers to develop projects. These projects could be executed in parallel with the existing CACES system to determine the accuracy and compatibility within the environment of the Corps of Engineers.

Evaluation of Item 3

Evaluate the potential for integration of the CACES Labor and Equipment Database with the Dynamically Defined Crews and the Detailed Quantity Takeoff based on the CACES National Price Book Database. The result would be to determine if sufficient labor categories and equipment categories presently exist within the CACES Labor and Equipment Database or if additional categories will be required to reasonably produce labor and equipment costs and resource leveling in the Scheduling module.

Summation

The CACES Labor and Equipment Database, together with the CACES National Price Book Database and CACES Crew Composition Database, has been fully integrated with the SARA System to produce comprehensive project costs. Each of the databases functions interactively, allowing the system to retrieve the applicable information from each database during the production of the cost analysis. An adequate number of available labor trades and equipment types are currently supplied by the CACES Labor and Equipment Database in order to produce accurate costs and resource leveling.

CACES Methodology

The CACES Labor and Equipment Database contains the informational equivalent of the SARA rate database. The database contains the various labor and equipment trades with associated rates per hour. During the development of a detailed cost estimate, the CACES National Price Book Database, the CACES Crew Composition Database, and the CACES Labor and Equipment Database are integrated to produce a cost analysis for a proposed project.

SARA Methodology

SARA follows a methodology parallel to that of the CACES format during the development of a project cost analysis. The final format of a cost analysis includes a breakdown of the individual materials that will comprise the construction of the

facility, subdivided by equipment, labor, and materials. SARA derives the costs related to the labor trades and equipment types from the SARA rate database, which is stored within the system. This database contains detailed descriptions of the various labor trades and equipment types across the country. The detailed cost estimate can be generated by the SARA Estimate module using several methods, each of which accesses the modified CACES databases:

Method 1. A comprehensive detailed cost estimate can be developed to reflect a facility program developed by the SARA Program module. The system automatically assembles each of the building materials, quantities, costs and crew configurations required to construct the programmed facility type.

Method 2. A detailed cost estimate can also be developed using the parametric method. The SARA Estimate module engineers each of the building systems associated with the design and function of the facility, where a building system represents a compiled group of construction materials. The detailed cost estimate is developed in a quantity takeoff format, producing a breakdown of construction materials, quantities, costs, and crew configurations.

Method 3. This method uses the quantity takeoff method. The facility professional extracts measurements and quantities from hard-line drawings. These quantities are then applied to the appropriate building materials, allowing the SARA Estimate module to calculate the associated costs and crew configurations.

Method 4. Any of the dynamically configured crews and associated productivity levels can be reconfigured by the user. The impact of such crew/productivity reconfigurations can be immediately observed in the detailed cost estimate and the bar chart schedule.

During the development of a detailed cost estimate, the system automatically follows a six-step process:

- Step 1: A construction material is selected from the materials database either automatically by SARA or independently by the user.
- Step 2: The system references the engineering parameters to determine the quantities of materials, which will reflect the type, size and function of the facility. When following the quantity takeoff method, the system user is required to provide a unit quantity derived from hard-line drawings.
- Step 3: The SARA crew configuration algorithms dynamically configure a construction crew, including both labor and equipment required to install the material quantities.
- Step 4: A productivity level is automatically established, which reflects the crew configuration. Therefore, the SARA Schedule module can produce a complete project schedule based upon the number of units produced per day.
- Step 5: The labor and equipment costs for the crew assembly are derived from the rate database, while the materials cost is derived from the materials database.
- Step 6: The SARA Estimate module automatically generates the various cost reports related to the detailed cost estimate. This is accomplished as a result of the established material costs, labor rates, and equipment rates stored in each of the applicable system data-bases. SARA performs the calculations necessary to achieve a total cost report which can be sorted in numerous patterns desirable to the user.

Integration

The CACES labor and equipment databases have been integrated into the SARA Systems Estimate module as a subdatabase to the CACES Crew Composition Database. The first time the CACES labor and equipment databases are accessed, a hashed index is built. This provides rapid random access to each labor and equipment record. The

National Price Book format is used with the CACES Crew Composition Database for consistency and performance.

The dynamic definition of the crew size and performance requires rapid access to the Labor and Equipment Databases. Defining the Labor Database with the appropriate rates for a specific project results in very accurate estimated labor cost. The CACES Labor and Equipment Database has been easily automated for the SARA rate database during the generation of a cost analysis. The labor and equipment rates used by the CACES system to develop a detailed cost estimate are used in the calculation of a cost analysis. SARA references the CACES National Price Book Database, the CACES Crew Composition Database and the CACES Labor and Equipment Database to produce a cost for the performance of a construction task. The individual building materials are assembled, followed by the dynamic crew configuration required to install the materials. The crew labor and equipment rates are representative of the CACES databases.

The CACES Labor and Equipment Database has been automated for use by the SARA Estimate module. SARA evaluated each of the labor trades and equipment types defined by the CACES system to determine an adequate number of resource and equipment types. The labor and equipment database is maintained in ASCII format, allowing the system user access to update the hourly rates and modify the contents of the database as necessary.

The labor and equipment information not only includes the actual cost per hour but also provides a mechanism for resource leveling. For example, the number of available carpenters may be specified to prevent the SARA Schedule module from overscheduling a particular trade. Limitations on the number of available trades or equipment may result from union restrictions, strikes, or using in-house personnel with a limited supply of resources.

During the scheduling sequence, the SARA Schedule module can produce a daily or weekly schedule. As the schedule is produced, SARA references the rate database to determine the number of available resources and produces a calendar sched-

ule that will span the duration of the project, including not only the construction phase but also the design phase. When the number of available resources is not specified, SARA will assume an infinite quantity is available. The facility professional/cost engineer also possesses the ability to modify the schedule to meet the unique requirements of the project. This modification is automatically reflected in the detailed cost estimate and cash flow analysis.

Once the labor and equipment database is established, additional trades and/or equipment, and modification of hourly rates can be included. Multiple-rate databases may also exist concurrently within the SARA System. The system user can then select the rates that most closely apply to the project specifications.

When a detailed cost estimate is developed using the SARA System, the following database equivalents are substituted:

CACES National Price Book Database
= SARA Task Database

CACES Crew Composition Database
= SARA Crew Database

CACES Labor and Equipment Database
= SARA Rate Database.

To accurately evaluate the performance of the SARA Estimate module using the CACES databases, the integrated systems should be used by the District Offices of the Corps of Engineers to develop projects. These projects could be executed in parallel with the existing CACES system to determine the accuracy and compatibility within the environment of the Corps of Engineers.

Evaluation of Item 4

Evaluate the potential for integration of the Detailed Quantity Takeoff Estimate produced by integration of the CACES National Price Book Database, CACES Crew Composition Database and the CACES Labor and Equipment Database with the SARA Scheduling module. Also evaluate the application of the SARA automated scheduling techniques.

Summation

A complete integration has been achieved between the SARA System and the CACES National Price Book Database, the CACES Crew Composition Database and the CACES Labor and Equipment Database. The three CACES cost analysis databases, fully integrated with the SARA System, produce an accurate cost analysis and project schedule.

The CACES National Price Book Database has been successfully integrated with the SARA System. The building materials contained in the CACES system are used by the SARA Estimate module to produce a quantity takeoff detailed cost estimate. The costs associated with each CACES building material are used during the calculation of the total materials cost analysis.

The crew configurations defined by the CACES Crew Composition Database are integrated with the SARA System to produce dynamically defined crews. As each construction task is added to a detailed cost estimate, the SARA Estimate module dynamically defines a crew to install such materials. The type and size of the crew configuration will depend upon the unique task requirements. The crew configurations are reflective of the CACES Crew Composition Database. Resource leveling is also achieved during the generation of the detailed cost estimate. SARA references the number of available resources and, during the production of the project schedule, the particular resource will not be overscheduled by the system, thus allowing effective finite resource allocation.

Each crew configuration is comprised of a series of labor trades and equipment types. To develop an accurate cost analysis, containing a cost breakdown of equipment and labor, the rate schedule stored within the CACES Labor and Equipment Database is applied. The individual construction trades, when configured as a crew, meet the requirements of the SARA System for both the generation of a detailed cost estimate and project schedule in which resource leveling is accomplished.

SARA Methodology

Once a detailed cost estimate is produced, the information is automatically cascaded into the

SARA Estimate module to produce a complete project schedule.

Construction Schedule. A complete day-by-day, task-by-task bar-chart schedule of the proposed project is automatically generated by the SARA Schedule module. The project schedule is based on a dynamic calendar developed by the system to include each of the activities assembled by the SARA Estimate module. The schedule can include site and construction elements as well as design elements. For example, when the design phase elements are developed in the detailed cost estimate, this information is automatically scheduled into a bar chart format.

Each activity is automatically moved forward into the Schedule module, allowing the system to schedule a project ranging from very few tasks to thousands of tasks, depending on the size and complexity of the facility. The precedence sequence and duration of each task is automatically developed by SARA, which enables the user of the system to simply review and/or modify the information to meet the project requirements. Weather days, which reflect the weather patterns for the geographic location where the project is being defined, are automatically incorporated into the schedule.

SARA uses the critical path method (CPM) of scheduling, allowing several critical paths to exist concurrently during the life of the project. The bar chart schedules are printed on 8.5 x 11 sheets of paper for use during on-site project monitoring. The entire SARA bar chart scheduling sequence can be accomplished in less than 1 hour. Appendix C shows a sample output of a Facility CPM Schedule.

The SARA System can automatically establish both a comprehensive day-by-day and week-by-week bar chart schedule to meet the individual requirements of the user. The 1 hour required to produce a schedule that includes each of the individual activities assembled in the SARA Estimate module compares favorably to the several weeks required by hand scheduling. The SARA System saves significant amounts of time normally associated with the process of developing a CPM schedule because the system performs the laborious

functions associated with generating a project schedule, such as creating the hard copy. Changes to durations or precedence can be accommodated by SARA easily and effectively. This assures a timely and accurate schedule and completion date at all points during the project development. The level of detail created in the schedule provides an opportunity to identify a digression from the schedule and the day it occurs. This allows the maximum time to adjust the schedule and determine any impact on the completion date. The data is produced on 8.5 x 11 sheets of paper, which is easily duplicated and updated to meet any schedule changes that occur throughout the life of the project. The project bar chart schedule information can be automatically passed forward into the SARA Track module and used as the basis for a schedule of values and cash flow analysis.

Graphic Precedence Flow Chart. SARA automatically generates the precedence sequence when the detailed cost estimate information is moved forward into the SARA Schedule module (See Appendix D.). The project schedule can include the site and construction elements as well as the design elements, which historically have not been included in a schedule. The user can modify the precedence of any task to meet the specific requirements of the project in only several minutes. When a task precedence or duration is modified, the detailed cost estimate information is immediately updated to reflect the change. The precedence flow chart is represented graphically and is printed on 8.5 x 11 sheets of paper.

Both time and money are saved because the precedence flow chart can be automatically developed by the SARA Schedule module in a matter of minutes. The flow chart is automatically produced in an 8.5 x 11-in. format, allowing the information to be reproduced and distributed rapidly. The project schedule information can be automatically passed forward into the SARA Track module and used as the basis for a schedule of values and cash flow analysis.

Date List Schedule. A complete date list schedule is automatically assembled by the SARA Schedule module. The date list can contain each of the site, construction and design elements compiled in the detailed cost estimate. The information is automati-

cally moved forward into the Schedule module, thus producing a list of activities that are sorted by the date on which they are to commence, or by CSI code reference. The date list also contains the finish date, critical path indicator, and the total slack time associated with each task.

The date list is a tool the owner uses to observe specific tasks that must be performed on a particular date. For example, SARA provides the ability to sort all tasks related to the formation of interior walls. The system will produce a comprehensive list of dates on which all of the various interior wall placement activities will take place, thus providing better schedule management capabilities. In essence, the schedule is divided into "time windows." Once the interior stud placement is complete, the drywall appears next on the schedule. The entire process becomes a "snowball" or iterative effect. The tasks that fall within an individual contract can also be retrieved in a date list or CSI format. The owner can immediately see which of the tasks included in the date list fall on a critical path. The date list provides the actual dates on which tasks are to be performed. The date list project schedule information is automatically passed forward into the SARA Track module to be used as the basis for a schedule of values and cash flow analysis.

Integration

The integration of the CACES National Price Book, crew composition, labor, and equipment databases makes it possible to generate a detailed estimate using the SARA Systems Estimate module based on the CACES databases. In addition, an existing M-CACES estimate can be integrated into the SARA Estimate module. Due to this complete integration, the entire SARA facility knowledge base can be used to generate a detailed project schedule. Moreover, all of this will be transparent to the user, who will simply open an existing M-CACES estimate and then proceed directly to the Schedule module. No other action is required on the part of the user.

Once the schedule is created by the SARA System's Schedule module, the user has access to all of the features for adjusting and redefining the

schedule. These include adjusting the precedence, and changing performance and crew size.

The integration of the CACES National Price Book Database and the SARA System required a review of the individual CACES building materials to develop a unified 60-character description for each line item. The 60-character descriptions can then function within the SARA hierarchical menu format. Only the task descriptions were modified; the cost and crew, etc. information relative to each material remain. When a detailed cost estimate is developed, the system user then accesses the CACES database of materials to produce an accurate cost analysis for a project.

The CACES Crew Composition Database contains an extensive list of crew combinations, which have been automated for the SARA System crew configuration algorithms, to produce a significantly enhanced database and software system. The CACES crew configurations have been automated in their present organizational format, thus enabling the SARA Estimate module access of the information. The CACES crew compositions contain the various labor trades and equipment types required to install specific material quantities. SARA uses the hourly rate of such trades and equipment defined by the CACES Labor and Equipment Database to calculate the cost of labor and materials in the detailed cost estimate. The present format of these costs are used during a project analysis performed for the Corps of Engineers. Projects developed by M-CACES using existing labor rates and crew configurations are automatically scheduled by the SARA Schedule module in their current format.

A comprehensive detailed cost estimate includes the individual task descriptions, supplied by the CACES National Price Book Database; crew configurations to install each material task, supplied by the CACES Crew Composition Database; and associated totals subdivided by equipment, labor, and material costs, supplied by the CACES Labor and Equipment Database and the CACES National Price Book Database. The cost analysis developed by SARA not only can include the construction elements, but can also incorporate the site and design costs associated with the project.

All of the tasks developed by the SARA Estimate module to be included in the detailed cost estimate are automatically passed forward into the SARA Schedule module, where a comprehensive project schedule is produced.

The SARA Schedule module automatically develops a complete day-by-day, task-by-task project schedule that reflects the detailed cost estimate. This is done by using the task durations established as each task crew is configured. The task durations are interpreted by the SARA Schedule module to produce a daily or weekly calendar schedule that includes each task and spans the duration of the project.

To accurately evaluate the performance of the SARA Estimate module, using the CACES databases, the integrated systems should be used by the District Offices of the Corps of Engineers to develop projects. These projects could be executed in parallel with the existing CACES system to do a direct comparison of the two systems, and to determine the accuracy and compatibility of SARA with the Corps of Engineers' environment.

Evaluation of Item 5

Evaluate the potential for integration of the CEG information into the SARA Programming module and investigate the application of SARA's automated facility definition and layout procedures to the facilities defined with the CEG.

Once each module has been defined, the facility programmer (the user) can select the major modules to be included in the facility and can access this information on a room-by-room basis. In addition, to summarize by major type, the Department of the Army guidelines were automated to make definition of the facility rapid and accurate. This was possible because the guidelines already have been broken down into major population categories as follows:

- Center for 60 Children
- Center for 99 Children
- Center for 120 Children
- Center for 144 Children
- Center for 198 Children

- Center for 244 Children
- Center for 303 Children.

The following standards were developed to automate the standards and guidelines already existing in the above format. These are presented to the programmer for review and modification prior to defining the facility.

Age Group:	6-18 mth	18m-3yr	3-5yr	6-12 yr
Staff/child ratio:	4/20	4/32	4/40	2/30
Group size:	10	16	20	30
Homebase/child:	45sf	25sf	15sf	0sf
Shared space/child:	22sf	8sf	4sf	6sf
Outside area/child:	50sf	75sf	100sf	220sf
Motor area/child:	0sf	6sf	8sf	6sf
Sensory area/child:	0sf	6sf	8sf	6sf
Group activities area/child:	0sf	0sf	8sf	8sf
Learning Center area/child:	0sf	0sf	0sf	8sf

Once the student-to-staff ratios are established, the administration area is automatically developed by the system. In addition, all ancillary spaces such as rest rooms, lavatories, closets, storage, etc. are developed by the system automatically. These standards provide the basis for the development of the facility program. There are innumerable other factors considered by the system based on its general knowledge of facilities. Because the system has a knowledge base of facilities already defined, it is possible to include additional or new facilities rapidly. It is not necessary to define all elements of a facility, only those unique to its development (Appendix B).

A detailed presentation of the integration of the child care center and its associated parameters is invaluable to the overall understanding of the systems analysis of the facility.

To accurately evaluate the performance of the SARA Program module using the CEG databases, the integrated systems should be used by the District Offices of the Corps of Engineers to develop projects. These projects could be executed in parallel with the existing CEG system to determine the accuracy and compatibility within the environment of the Corps of Engineers.

Evaluation of Item 6

Evaluate the potential for integration of the CEG facilities defined by the SARA Program module with the Detailed Estimate module to produce Detailed Quantity Takeoff Estimates from Engineered Parameters based on the facility program. Understand the impact of this capacity on the process of Value Engineering and Life Cycle Cost Analysis in terms of O&M costs using the Maintenance Resource Prediction Model.

Summation

The facility program information developed by the SARA Program module, which incorporates the CEG program definition data, is automatically passed forward into the SARA Estimate module to produce a comprehensive detailed cost estimate. The development of a detailed cost estimate is accomplished by allowing SARA to automatically engineer the facility to reflect the facility program developed by the SARA Program module.

The cost analysis of the project is determined using the CACES databases. The detailed cost estimate includes each of the tasks required during the construction of the facility. These tasks are subdivided by equipment, labor, and materials to produce an overall project cost. The cost of equipment and labor in the detailed cost estimate is retrieved from the CACES Labor and Equipment Database, while the cost of materials is retrieved from the CACES National Price Book Database.

The actual steps involved during the production of a detailed cost estimate are precisely outlined in evaluation items 1 - 4.

SARA Methodology

A comprehensive detailed cost estimate is automatically developed by the SARA Estimate module to reflect a facility program developed in the SARA Program module. This is possible because the facility program contains precise information relative to the physical configurations of spaces within the facility. These space types dictate bay length, bay width, bay height, finishes, mechanical requirements, electrical requirements, egress requirements, and vertical and horizontal relation-

ships. These specifications represent the basic design criteria for the facility. The engineering parameters encompass a comprehensive set of mechanical, electrical, civil, and structural engineering formulas, and code requirements. These formulas and codes are used to develop a quantity takeoff of all materials included in the construction of the facility. This information is automatically passed forward into the SARA Estimate module to develop a detailed cost estimate.

The SARA Estimate module executes a sequence of events required for the development of a detailed cost estimate. This sequence involves the definition of the following components: construction zones, engineering parameters, building systems, and cost quantity takeoff.

Construction Zones

The SARA Estimate module can develop the construction zones of the facility using two methods. The first method uses the space characteristics developed in the SARA Program module. SARA automatically compiles the zone configuration of the proposed facility based on the floor-to-ceiling heights, occupancy, mechanical systems, circulation requirements, and egress requirements developed during the programming phase. The construction zones are defined both vertically and horizontally to accommodate the functional relationships within the facility.

The second method allows the system user to define the construction zones manually. During the manual definition, the zones can be configured in both a vertical and horizontal format to meet the requirements of the facility. When either of the zone definition methods are executed, the macro scheduling sequence is also defined. The zone sequence is used by the SARA Schedule module to develop a comprehensive construction schedule.

The zone configuration can be defined very quickly at the early stages of the project development. The need for engineering consultants is reduced during this early stage due to the automatic generation of the construction zones. Since the zone definition can be performed rapidly, numerous zone configurations can be developed for use during the value engineering process. The con-

struction zone information can be automatically passed forward into the SARA Schedule and Track modules and used as the basis for a project schedule, schedule of values and cash flow analysis.

Engineering Parameters

The engineered building parameters included in the SARA Estimate module can be developed using two methods. The first method uses the facility program data developed in the SARA Program module. The system will automatically produce a comprehensive set of engineering building parameters based on the facility footprint, building program, space characteristics, occupancy, location, and zones established in the program. By performing an engineering analysis, SARA will automatically perform the calculations necessary to produce a comprehensive list of engineered building parameters.

The second method of producing building parameters requires the system user to manually define the 10 basic parameters, including gross square feet, bay length and width, soil bearing capacity, etc. The system will then use the primary parameters established by the system user and expand the information to include approximately 200 various parameter types in only several minutes, based upon the engineering analysis.

When the SARA Estimate module automatically defines a comprehensive set of engineered building parameters, a significant amount of time and money is saved because SARA can perform an engineering analysis in several minutes instead of several days. In essence, SARA becomes the engineering and cost engineering consult at the early project development stages. SARA develops an extensive list of building parameters, requiring the system user simply to review each of the facility parameters. This feature facilitates the Value Engineering process. All of the information is contained in a single spreadsheet, which traditionally has not been available.

When the USACERL-developed Maintenance Resource Prediction Model (MRPM) is linked with the SARA System, a Life Cycle Cost Analysis (LCCA), in terms of operations and maintenance

(O&M) cost projections, can be generated. The impact of design and engineering decisions can be immediately analyzed and evaluated, both in terms of the immediate construction cost and the long range O&M cost. SARA also provides the means to evaluate contractor-proposed alternatives and change orders which are often associated with a project. The engineering parameters can be automatically passed forward into the SARA Schedule and Track modules to be used as the basis for a project schedule, schedule of values, and cash flow analysis.

Building Systems

The SARA Estimate module supplies two methods for establishing the building system types to assemble the proposed facility. The first method uses the building parameters previously engineered by SARA. When a specific building system type is selected for inclusion in the facility construction, SARA references the extensive list of building parameters to calculate the individual tasks included in the building system. For example, if a concrete column system is to be included in the construction phase, SARA will reference the number of columns, height of columns, number of pounds of reinforcement bar, cubic yards of concrete, contact areas of forms, etc. established as building parameters to calculate the individual tasks. Each task not only includes the quantities and types of materials, but equipment and labor as well. As the individual task line items are calculated, SARA accesses the parameters as well as wage rates to dynamically define the labor crews and establish a total estimated engineered cost. As the data is developed for each building system, the information appears in a single spreadsheet and includes each of the tasks assembled within the building system including equipment, labor, and materials.

The second method of the building system definition requires the architect to manually select the individual system types to assemble the facility. When either of the building system definition methods are used, SARA will automatically transport the tasks within the building systems into the takeoff quantity cost format. SARA then interactively maintains the building costs as the project

develops, requiring only several minutes to update cost information.

The SARA Estimate module can rapidly produce an accurate building system analysis by detailed task prior to the production of hard-line drawings. There is little need for consultants at early stages because SARA automatically assembles all of the building systems necessary to develop a detailed cost estimate. Due to the speed in which the building systems can be developed and analyzed, multiple versions of the facility costs can be developed and compared. For example, the system user can change the size of columns and beams and SARA will immediately display the impact of modification in both cost and time formats. The information developed in the design phase can be automatically passed forward into the SARA Schedule and Track modules to be used as the basis for a project schedule, schedule of values, and cash flow analysis.

Cost Quantity Takeoff

The SARA System can either automatically develop the detailed quantity cost estimate or allow the facility professional/cost engineer to manually input material quantities into the SARA Estimate module. When a cost estimate is developed automatically, SARA will derive the information based on the facility program, zones, engineered parameters, and site data. This cost-estimate derivation can be performed solely from the project data existing within the SARA modules, or can be performed to reflect any new estimator modifications.

When a cost estimate is produced manually, the material quantities are directly entered into the SARA Estimate module to produce a final facility construction cost. The detailed cost estimate produced by SARA, using any of the costing methods, will ultimately produce cost information such as the level or zone in which the task exists, description, material quantity, total dollars of equipment, labor and materials, total number of shifts, crew configuration, and local labor and equipment rates. The construction crew is dynamically configured by SARA, which will result in actual performance levels and costs of the amount

of equipment, labor, and materials required to accomplish an individual task.

The amount of time required to automatically produce a complete detailed cost estimate is significantly less than manual takeoff methods. A comprehensive estimate can be performed at the early project stage to determine the quality and cost of the facility prior to the production hard-line drawings.

Each cost estimate is unique because the system uses parameters engineered specifically for the facility using local labor and material price structures to develop an accurate facility cost. Fewer errors will result because the quantities developed by SARA are accurately defined from the engineered parameters, thereby eliminating mathematical and typographical errors. SARA allows the estimator to modify the cost estimate at any stage of the project development to reflect the unique requirements of the facility. The cost quantity takeoff can be automatically passed forward into the SARA Schedule and Track modules to be used as the basis for a project schedule, schedule of values, and cash flow analysis.

The final format of the detailed cost estimate can be presented in numerous arrangements including CSI, building systems, alternates, change orders, etc. The facility professional/cost engineer should closely review the detailed cost estimate to assure the data matches the specific project requirements.

Integration

The systems as defined in the CEG Library have some inherent deficiencies when integrated with a dynamically defined engineered facility analysis. Those systems have been analyzed and modified to function in the SARA Systems Estimate module. The following major issues were addressed:

1. The CEG systems are inconsistent in the breakdown of tasks. Some systems actually contain multiple systems within a single system:

05 INTERIOR OF CONSTRUCTION

051 INTERIOR PARTITIONS - FIXED

1000 METAL STUD 7 GYPSUM WALL-BOARD

1001 METAL STUD PARTITIONS CONSIST OF DOUBLE LAYER OF STAGGERED 4IN METAL STUDS, 4IN METAL STUDS, 6IN METAL STUDS, 2-1/2IN METAL STUDS, 1-5/8IN METAL STUDS, 2IN SOUND ATTENUATION BLANKET, 7/8IN FURRING, 5/8IN GYPSUM WALLBOARD, 5/8IN TYPE 'X' GYPSUM WALLBOARD AND 5/8IN MOISTURE RESISTANT GYPSUM WALLBOARD, INCLUDED IN THE CARD(S) SHOWN IN TABLE 1. (Other systems will contain only a single line item.)

09 HEATING, VENTILATION & AIR CONDITIONING

092 HEATING SYSTEMS

1000 EQUIPMENT

1001 THE STEAM TO HEATING HOT WATER CONVERTER INCLUDED CARD(S): 15732 1105 STEAM CONVERTOR HVEA

2. Descriptions of the same system are inconsistent. Standardized descriptions have been developed to facilitate selection and clarity.

3. Systems contain multiple-size units. For instance, the masonry wall system will contain 4-in., 6-in., and 8-in. block. To work in a system format that is engineered for a specific facility, each of those items needs to be part of a uniquely definable system. The 4-in. block will have significantly different mortar and other requirements than the 8-in. block.

4. The systems have been assembled based on relatively small facilities. The largest facility type size is a three-story barrack. Most are one-story buildings. The systems in general do not address large multi-story facilities. In addition, each task in each system has been given a formula that is dynamically defined by the engineering analysis part of the Estimate module.

The enhanced systems in the CEG library, integrated with the engineered analysis information, produce accurate cost data for all of the Corps facility types presently in the CEG and new ones as they are defined. The integration of the CEG library makes it possible to use the CACES National Price Book, crew composition, labor, and equipment databases with all of the over 700 facility types defined in SARA Systems.

A complete detailed cost estimate is developed by the SARA Estimate module, which is reflective of the facility program developed by the SARA Program module. This is accomplished by the full integration and interaction between the SARA Program and Estimate modules. Data must be entered into the system only once, and the information will automatically cascade into all of the other system modules allowing SARA to develop the applicable data in each module.

Due to the complete interactive nature of SARA, the CEG program definition data, which is now integrated with the SARA Program module, is automatically and immediately integrated with the SARA Estimate module. Therefore, no additional efforts are required for a complete unification of the CEG system and the SARA Project Delivery System.

To evaluate the accuracy of the generation of an automatic detailed cost estimate, which is reflective of the facility program, the CEG database has been integrated with the SARA Program module and the SARA Estimate module. To accurately evaluate the performance of the SARA Program module using the CEG databases, the integrated systems should be used by the District Offices of the Corps of Engineers to develop projects. These projects could be executed in parallel with the existing CEG system to compare the two systems and to determine the accuracy and compatibility within the environment of the Corps of Engineers.

Evaluation of Item 7

Evaluate the potential for integration of the SARA Systems Engineered Parameters module with the CACES Database Driven Detail Quantity Takeoff System.

Table 1

Included Cards					
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4	09110	1104	4 IN METAL STUDS	GWSF	
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Summation

A detailed cost estimate is generated by the SARA Estimate module to reflect a set of engineering parameters. The engineering parameters encompass a comprehensive set of mechanical, electrical, civil and structural engineering formulas, and code requirements. These formulas and codes are used to develop the quantity takeoff of all tasks included in the construction of the facility. The individual material costs, crew configurations, and labor and equipment rates associated with each of the tasks are being developed using the appropriate CACES databases, including the CACES National Price Book Database, the CACES Crew Composition Database and the CACES Labor and Equipment Database.

SARA Methodology

When an independent detailed cost estimate is developed, often during the schematic or 30 percent design completion stage, a set of engineering parameters are established from which a detailed cost estimate is produced. The engineering parameters represent a comprehensive set of mechanical, electrical, civil and structural engineering formulas, and code requirements. These basic engineering design parameters exist as a subset of the overall 200 various engineering parameters supplied by the SARA Engineered Parameters module.

The 200 individual engineering parameters can be defined using several methods. The first method requires the facility professional/cost engineer to manually define the first 10 critical parameters. SARA then automatically calculates the remaining 190 engineering parameters to reflect the definition

of the first 10. When the calculation process is complete, the facility professional/cost engineer can then review the definitions and make modifications as necessary.

The second method requires the system user to manually define all 200 engineering parameters. The engineering parameters are then used to calculate the material quantities included in the construction of the facility. The material quantities are automatically passed into the SARA Estimate module, which will produce a detailed cost estimate.

Integration

The SARA Estimate module has been fully integrated with each of the CACES databases, including the CACES National Price Book Database, the CACES Crew Composition Database, and the CACES Labor and Equipment Database to produce a detailed cost estimate that reflects a comprehensive set of building parameters. When each task is developed in the detailed cost estimate, the material costs, labor rates, and equipment costs associated with the task are retrieved from the appropriate CACES database.

The 200 engineering parameters were reviewed to determine if the existing parameters should be expanded to accommodate the unique characteristics of facilities produced by the Corps of Engineers. This information was developed by design and facility management professionals knowledgeable in the specific fields. The engineering parameters currently encompass the specific algorithms, codes, and engineering formulas required by Corps of Engineers' projects.

The SARA Estimate module contains building systems used during a facility's construction. The building systems range from footings and foundations to mechanical, electrical, and specialty systems. Each system is comprised of a group of building materials which, when assembled, produce a complete building system. The CEG assembly database contains similar building systems. For example, a static wall system is defined and becomes an element from which the facility is constructed. The CEG building systems, integrated with the SARA Estimate module, produce addi-

tional construction systems from which a facility can be erected.

To accurately evaluate the performance of the SARA Estimate module using the CACES databases, the integrated systems should be used by the District Offices of the Corps of Engineers to develop projects. These projects could be executed in parallel with the existing CACES system to compare the two systems and to determine the accuracy and compatibility of SARA with the Corps of Engineers' environment.

Evaluation of Item 8

Evaluate the potential for integration of the SARA footprint capability with the CEG information to permit graphic input relating to facility definition.

Summation

The integration of the CEG system with the SARA Program module automatically produces facility definitions and space relationships using the standards and guidelines developed from the CEG data. This becomes a very useful tool in facility programming, providing the facility programming professional with an optimized footprint of the facility under evaluation based on the appropriate codes, standards, guidelines, and other requirements. By using the graphic interface, the programmer can quickly and accurately define a facility to the most stringent requirements. The facility definition information is produced in both tabular and graphic formats that reflect the space relationships, structural requirements, egress requirements, and other requirements developed from the CEG system. Because all program modelling is done in three dimensions, it is also possible to have the system display the massing of the facility and its integrated parts.

The SARA Program module supplies the capability of using a predefined graphic of the facility footprint and reversing the algorithms to produce a program based on the standards developed from the CEG data. The system user possesses the ability to manipulate and re-arrange the graphic space layout to more accurately reflect the project requirements.

Either graphic definition process produces a facility program from which a comprehensive detailed cost estimate, schedule, schedule of values, and cash flow is developed using the CEG and CACES databases.

SARA Methodology

The SARA Program module automatically generates a complete facility program and layout, including space requirements, room relationships, and room sizes based on historical facility information, standards, and guidelines. The functional requirements of the proposed facility are interactively entered into the SARA Program module to produce a facility program, budget, and schedule. SARA develops a net-to-gross ratio from which a facility cost is developed.

SARA transforms the facility program definition into a graphic format allowing the physical space relationships to be observed. The system user can manipulate the graphic layout by rearranging the physical layout, resizing the rooms, and by adding and deleting rooms. The layout modifications automatically impact the tabular facility definition.

The facility program layout information is automatically cascaded in the SARA Estimate, Schedule and Track modules to produce a comprehensive detailed cost estimate, schedule, schedule of values and cash flow analysis.

Integration

The integration of the CEG system with the SARA Program module automatically integrates the graphic layout capability of the SARA System. Because the CEG includes both standards and guidelines for the program and the detailed requirements for the building system, it is possible for the system to also develop the basic layout of most engineering systems.

For instance, the mechanical duct work is automatically designed and the layout completed by the system. Each room receives the appropriate number of registers and grilles and the associated duct work. This duct work is connected back to a main feeder, and from there back to the mechanical equipment room. This automation of the engineer-

ing design effort, and complete integration with the programming effort, make it possible to define at the earliest possible point any conflicts in space, function, or engineering systems with the facility under consideration.

The integration with the footprint module results from the integration of the CEG with all other modules of SARA Systems. The footprint module best illustrates that the design process is recursive and nonlinear. As each element of the facility is developed from program, through engineered estimate, to schedule and tracking, each builds both forward and backward on the others.

As each room has its space and function defined, it is possible for the programmer to move one room and evaluate the impact on the overall layout of the facility. Beyond this, the programmer will also be affecting all of the other design elements in the facility. This takes the effort normally expended during the design process and integrates it with a knowledge base upon which each of the other facility disciplines may build.

In addition, having a footprint and massing study efficiently completed by the system based on all of the appropriate standards and guidelines frees the programmer to work more closely on the actual facility design and spend less effort repeatedly calculating design requirements. The footprint becomes the basis from which funding can be sought and a communication tool in any effort to convey facility needs. By reducing the existing CEG information to a uniquely designed footprint, it is possible to make value engineering evaluations earlier and to have the user of the facility better understand the impact of unique needs.

To accurately evaluate the performance of the SARA footprint-generating capability, incorporating the CEG databases, the integrated systems should be used by the District Offices of the Corps of Engineers to develop projects. These projects could be executed in parallel with the existing CEG system to compare the two systems and to determine the accuracy and compatibility of SARA with the Corps of Engineers environment.

Evaluation of Item 9

Evaluate the potential for integration of the SARA System Tracking module with the CACES and CEG Database-driven project delivery system.

Summation

The SARA Program, Estimate, Schedule, and Track modules are completely interactive. During a linear project analysis, data is entered into any one of the system modules and the information automatically cascades into the subsequent modules to produce a facility program, detailed cost estimate, project schedule, schedule of values, and cash flow. To achieve a complete program analysis ranging from concept to occupancy, each SARA module is accessed. The project data developed in each of the modules references the applicable CEG and CACES databases.

It has been confirmed that the CEG program definitions, integrated with the SARA Program module, automatically generate a complete facility layout using the CEG standards. The facility program definition is automatically cascaded into the SARA Estimate module to generate a comprehensive detailed cost estimate. The development of a detailed cost estimate consists of a precise task quantity takeoff. The cost analysis is summarized as a breakdown of the equipment, labor, and materials required for the construction of the facility.

The materials included in the detailed cost estimate are retrieved from the CACES National Price Book database. A crew is dynamically developed by SARA to perform the installation of each material using the CACES Crew Composition database. The individual labor and equipment rates that make up the crew are referenced from the CACES Labor and Equipment database.

The summation of the material quantities, labor, and equipment produces the individual tasks which comprise the detailed cost estimate that, when totaled, will produce an overall project cost using the CEG and CACES databases.

SARA Methodology

The task information developed in the detailed cost estimate is automatically cascaded into the SARA Schedule module allowing a day-by-day, task-by-task schedule to be produced. The project schedule is based on a dynamic calendar and will encompass the total time required from concept to occupancy.

The project schedule is then cascaded forward into the SARA Track module. The track module serves as an information source for calculating the anticipated cash flow, and as a management tool to monitor the project budget and schedule. A schedule of values and cash flow are developed as the following:

Schedule of Values. The SARA Track module automatically develops a comprehensive schedule of values. Each of the tasks assembled in the detailed cost estimate are defined as an individual percentage of the overall project. The percentage includes the amount of equipment, labor and materials required to accomplish a task. Once the contract amount is established, each of the task percentages is then used to calculate a dollar amount for each activity.

When a change order is required, the information is entered into the SARA Estimate module as a change order. The change order data is automatically incorporated into the project schedule and then is separately maintained in the schedule of values.

The schedule of values can be used as a management tool during a pay request. The inspector uses the schedule of values to determine the completion status for each item in the pay request. SARA automatically defines whether the items are behind schedule, on schedule, or ahead of schedule and then uses the information to determine the amount of funds owed to the contractor less any retainage.

The schedule of values automatically developed by SARA increases the potential of completing the facility "on-budget" and "on-time." The schedule of values contains a detailed analysis of tasks, rather than the large groupings traditionally submitted by a contractor. This enables the project

inspector to more accurately determine the completion status for each activity during a pay request.

When the schedule of values is included in the bid documents, the contractors are informed of the amount of funds allocated for each activity prior to bidding, allowing each contractor to bid competitively. When the schedule of values is included in the bid documents, the cash flow for the project will match very closely.

If the owner decides not to include the schedule of values in the bid documents, the information can be used as a negotiating tool to establish the contractor's schedule of values.

As change orders become effective, the information can be automatically maintained as a separate entity in the schedule of values. In essence, the schedule of values generated by SARA saves a significant amount of time and money because the calculations required to produce a schedule of values and pay request are performed automatically by the system.

Cash flow. The SARA Track Module automatically creates a cash flow that reflects the project schedule and schedule of values (See Appendix E). When SARA develops a cash flow, retainage percentages applicable to an organization are also automatically included in the analysis, thus producing a very accurate analysis. The cash-flow analysis can be displayed both in tabular and graphic formats.

The cash-flow analysis automatically generated by SARA provides the business officer the ability to maximize financial strategies using the time value of money. The total number of dollars required for each month during the construction phase is rapidly obtained. Since the cash-flow analysis is based on the project schedule and schedule of values, the graphic format will resemble a camel-shaped curve rather than the traditional bell shape, skewed to the left due to front end loading. When the schedule of values is included in the bid documents, typically there will be very little deviation in the cash-flow analysis.

Integration. The integration of the CACES and CEG databases with the SARA Track module

required no additional efforts. When the CEG database was integrated with the SARA Program Module and the CACES databases were integrated with the SARA Estimate module, the integration requirements were complete. The schedule of values and cash flow are developed from the information contained in each of these modules; therefore no additional integration procedures were needed. Multiple projects can be combined to produce multiyear budget or funding requirement projections.

To accurately evaluate the performance of the SARA Track module, incorporating the CEG and CACES databases, the integrated systems should be used by the District Offices of the Corps of Engineers to develop projects. These projects could be executed in parallel with the existing CACES system to compare the two systems and to determine the accuracy and compatibility of SARA with the Corps of Engineers' environment.

4 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Conclusions

The SARA System is a unique project management program that uses data and current, state-of-the-art computer hardware and programming techniques to simplify the facility acquisition and operation process. The SARA System combines all aspects of the facility life-cycle management problem into one system that provides fair and reasonable answers based on the information available to the program when the question is posed. A review of available software has shown that no other program offers all of the features of the SARA System. This is a system that is currently available and is used by a significant number of organizations involved in capital projects procurement and management. Among the SARA System users are universities, state government agencies, county and municipal government agencies, and group organizations such as the American Hospital Association. This study has found that all of the features and functions contained within the SARA System are compatible with Corps of Engineers' facility acquisition operations. The SARA System offers

its users ready access to the information necessary to effectively manage the facility delivery process.

The SARA System is capable of using the Corps of Engineers design and construction cost data and, with that information, can produce parametric cost estimates for planning, budgeting, and scheduling. While the system is producing parametric cost estimates, it is also "learning" about the various building types and creates a program data base for future use. The integration of the CEG standards into the SARA Program module helps make facility program development a quicker and more accurate process. SARA Systems and the CACES/CEG integration formalizes databases of comparative standards in the planning and construction industry. One common cause for confusion and disagreement in dealing with capital projects is the absence of a standard format for calculating and comparing project areas, costs, and schedules.

The SARA system can also produce a detailed quantity "takeoff" type of cost estimate using any cost data base conforming to the CSI identification numbering format. This includes the Corps of Engineers' prepared cost data base, the National Price Book. In addition, the integration of the CACES National Price Book into the SARA Estimate module makes it possible to develop a detailed engineered estimate using the following several methods:

1. An estimate integrated with the SARA Program module
2. An imported M-CACES estimate
3. An estimate based on a quantity takeoff method.

In all instances, the estimate can be based on the National Price Book or the SARA detailed task database, effectively tripling the amount of task information available to the estimator.

The SARA System can schedule any prepared cost estimate using the CSI format, regardless of its origin. The SARA Schedule module has also been integrated with the National Price Book to automatically produce detailed project schedules that can be generated either from existing M-CACES estimates or from estimates prepared using SARA.

That is, a cost estimate created in the M-CACES program can be imported to the SARA System and scheduled, and also tracked for cash-flow projections.

Based on the cost estimate and the schedule, the SARA System can generate a comprehensive schedule of values and the cash flow requirements related to the schedule. The schedule of values and cash flow can then be used to monitor progress, validate partial payment requests, plan for payments, and evaluate timeliness.

Based on the floor area and story height guidance, the SARA System can generate spatial relationships and therefore an optimized footprint of the facility. By using the graphic interface, the programmer can quickly and accurately define a facility to the most stringent requirements. The facility definition information is produced in both tabular and graphic formats, which reflect the space relationships, structural requirements, egress requirements, and other requirements developed from the CEG system.

The SARA System can interface with the USACERL-developed Maintenance Resource Prediction Model (MRPM) to forecast the Operations and Maintenance (O&M) costs of the facility at any phase of the project's development. This projection is made based on the cost estimate, so that even at the program and planning phase, the designers and engineers can rapidly evaluate alternatives and design options not only in terms of construction cost, but also in terms of life-cycle O&M cost. This capability also facilitates the impact of Value Engineering (VE) by introducing the long term O&M cost into the process.

The resulting system of unified calculation and reporting creates environment-specific databases that provide accurate and dependable project information for planning and comparison purposes. These integrated databases are used for coordinated project programming, budgeting, cost projection, scheduling, and tracking for the Corps of Engineers. Effective use of the SARA System for Corps projects would best be supported by a single point-of-project management, from concept through occupancy, an operational concept common to the

private sector and often considered for Corps implementation.

The possibility of providing the Corps of Engineers with an integrated project delivery system capable of taking a project from concept to occupancy and through to disposal based on data specific to the Corps of Engineers, is now available by integrating the SARA System with the Corps of Engineers CACES program. Such integration should improve the productivity of the facility acquisition professional through effective and efficient access to information for decisionmaking.

Recommendations

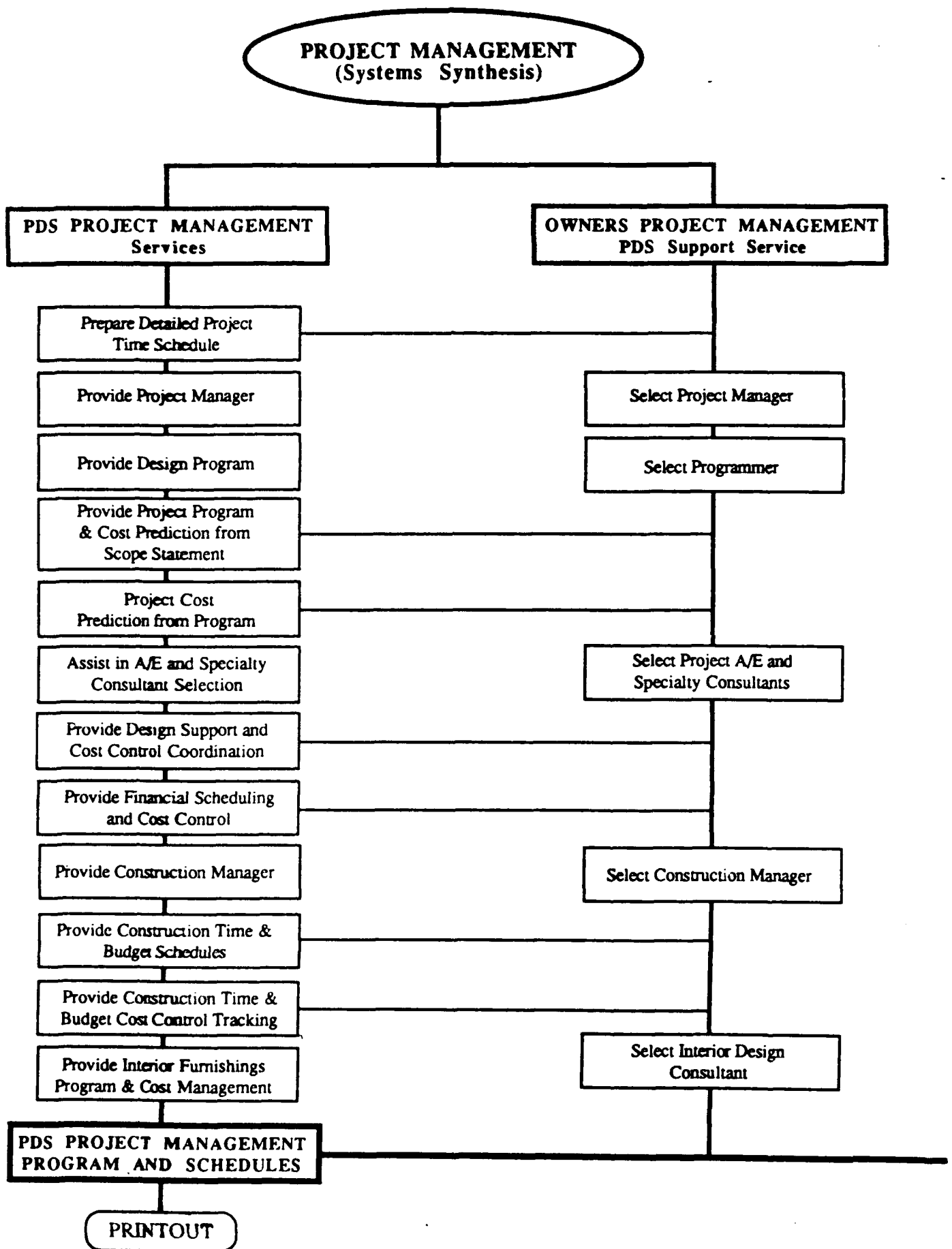
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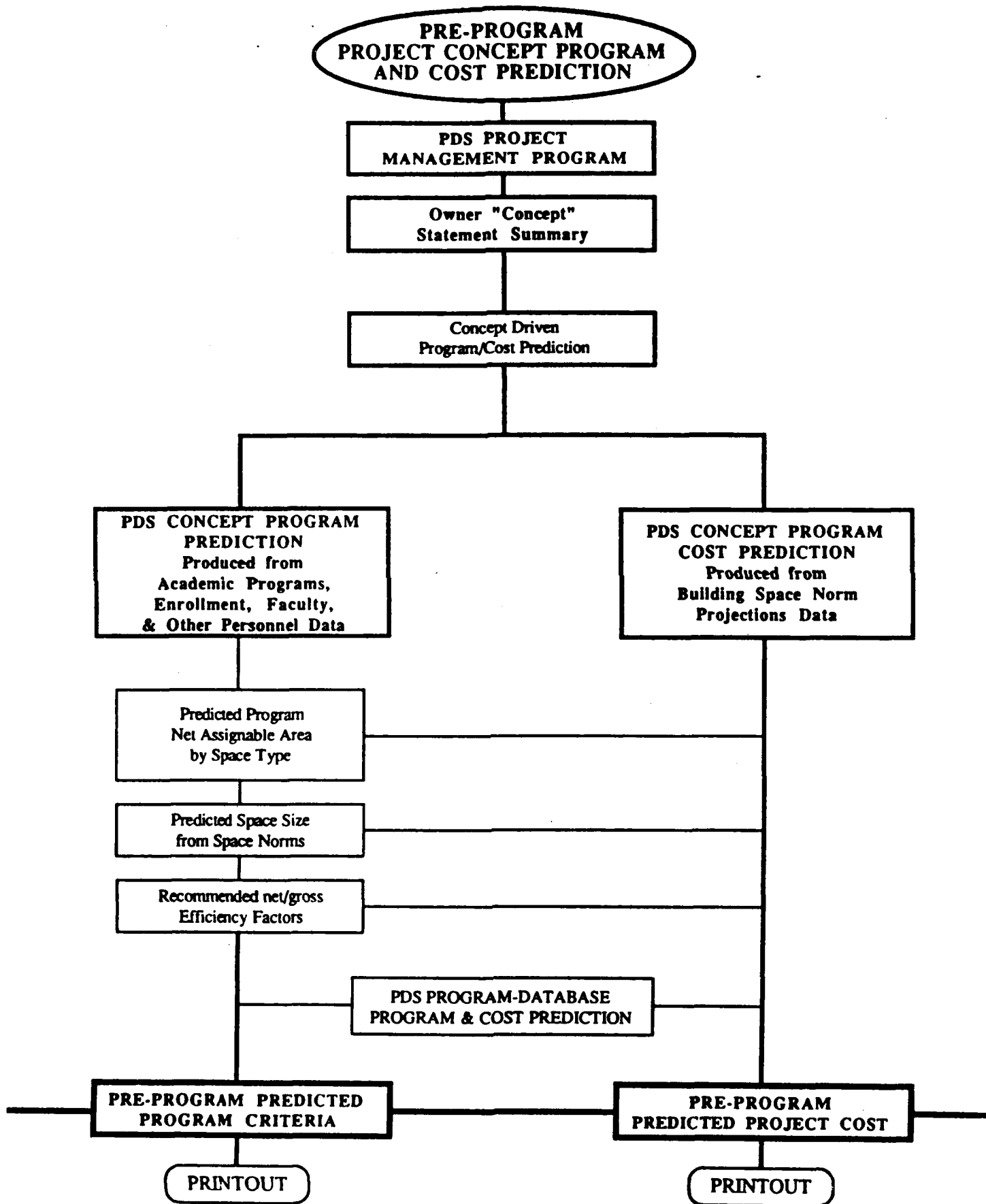
1. Field testing the SARA System at several District/Division offices. The test should include all functional aspects of the system including the program, estimating, scheduling, tracking, and footprint-generating capabilities.
2. Conducting a longitudinal evaluation test of the SARA System using the Corps of Engineers data, and comparing the results with traditional Corps of Engineers methods and procedures. This test should track several projects completely through the facility acquisition cycle to occupancy.
3. Conducting a cross-sectional evaluation test of the SARA System using the Corps of Engineers data, and comparing the results with traditional Corps of Engineers methods and procedures. This test should compare a variety of projects at various phases and stages of completion, from the planning and programming phase to the owner occupancy and feedback phase.
4. Establishing a user group to help evaluate the test results and review the findings. This peer review group would establish the test criteria, the test measurements, and the system acceptance. The group would review all phases of the process represented, and would advise as to the need for acquiring the capacity.

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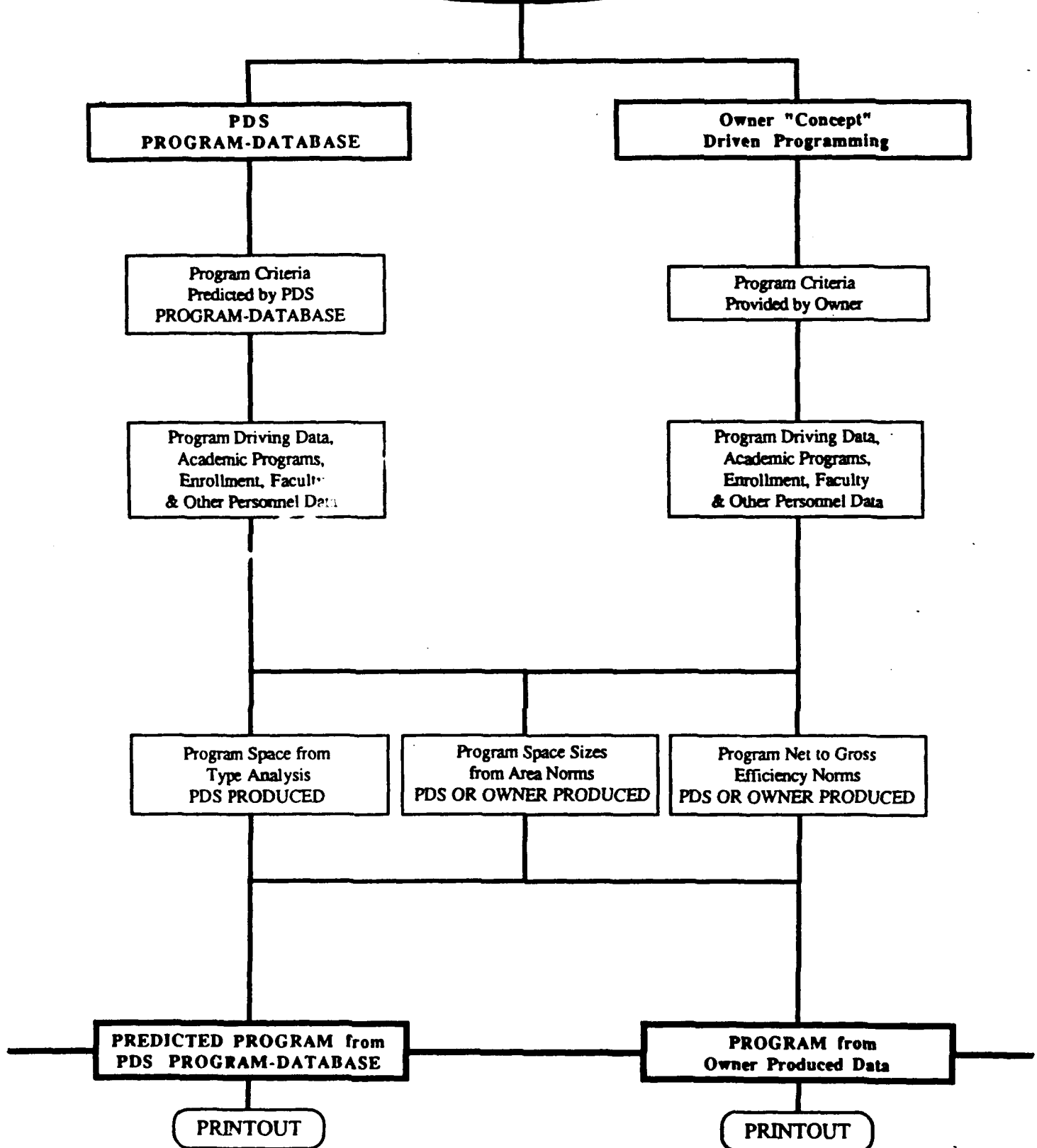
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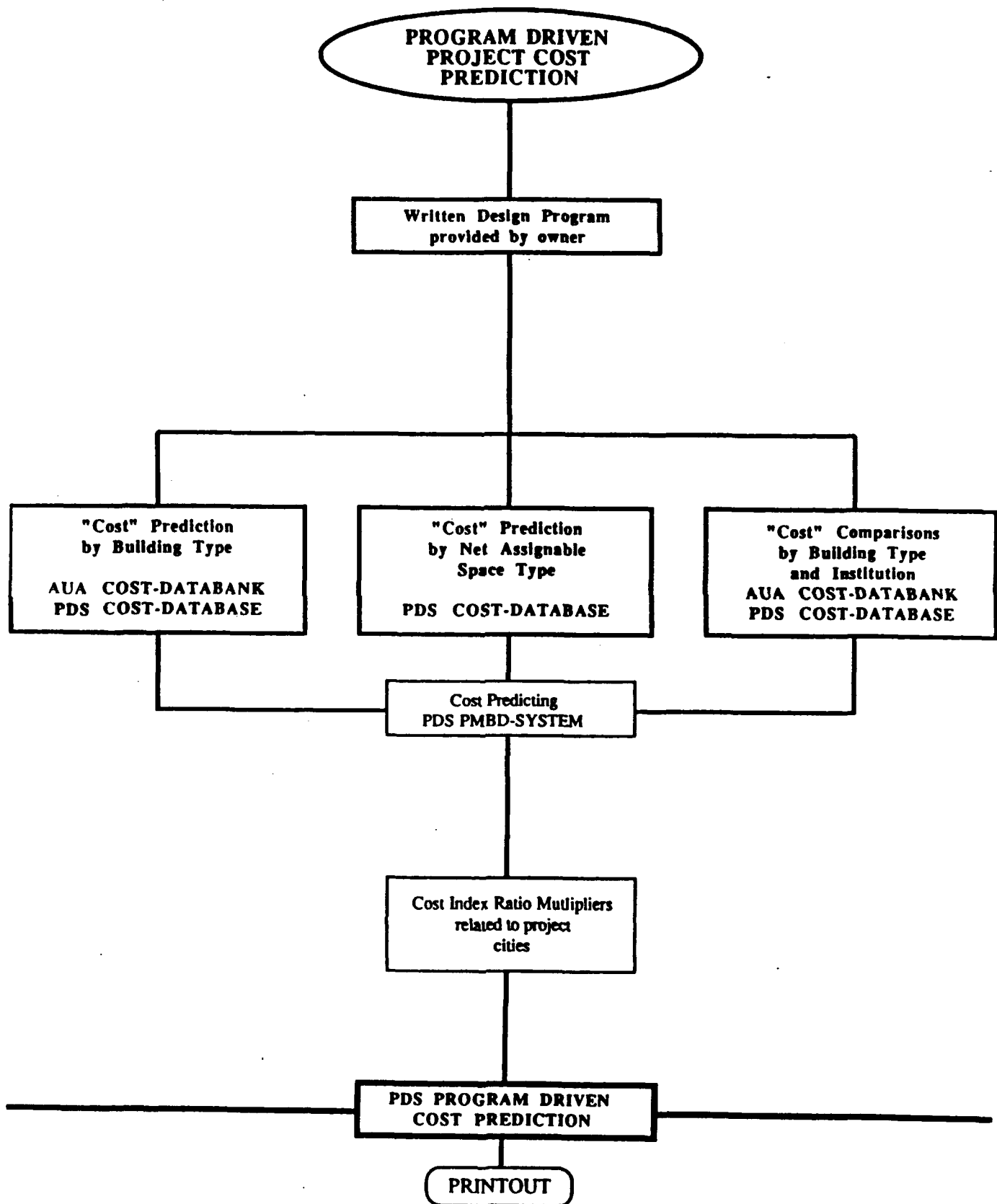
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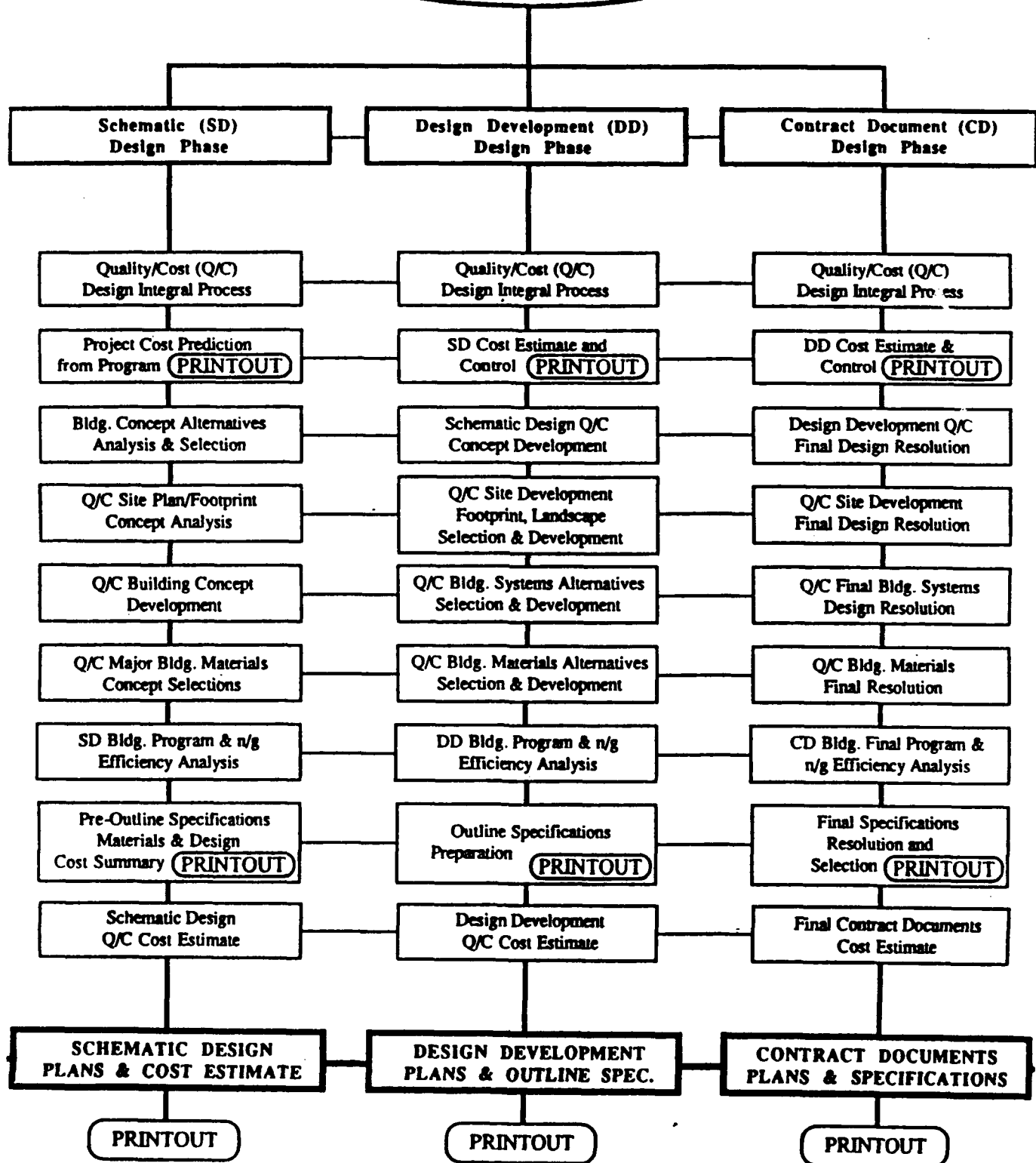


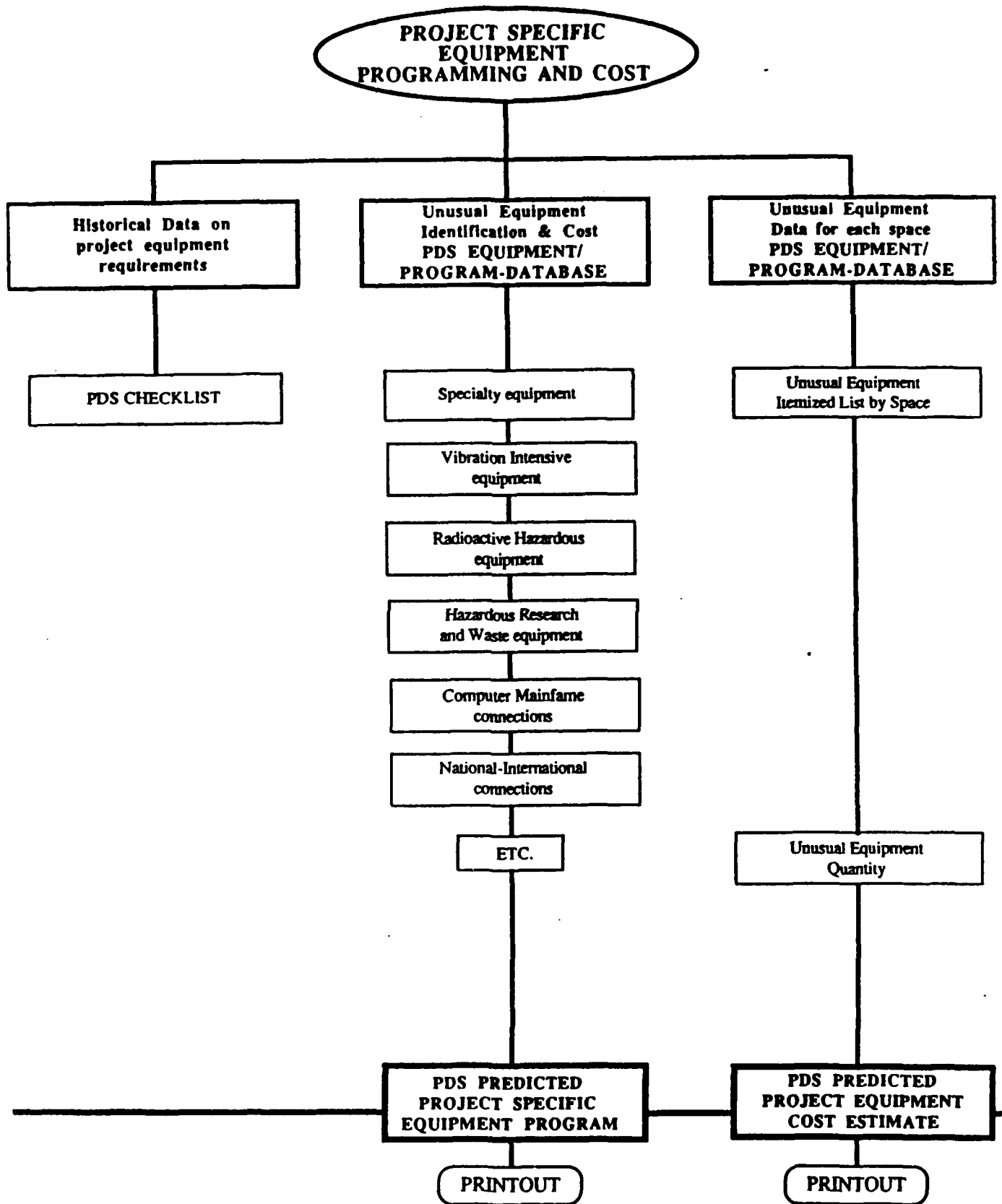
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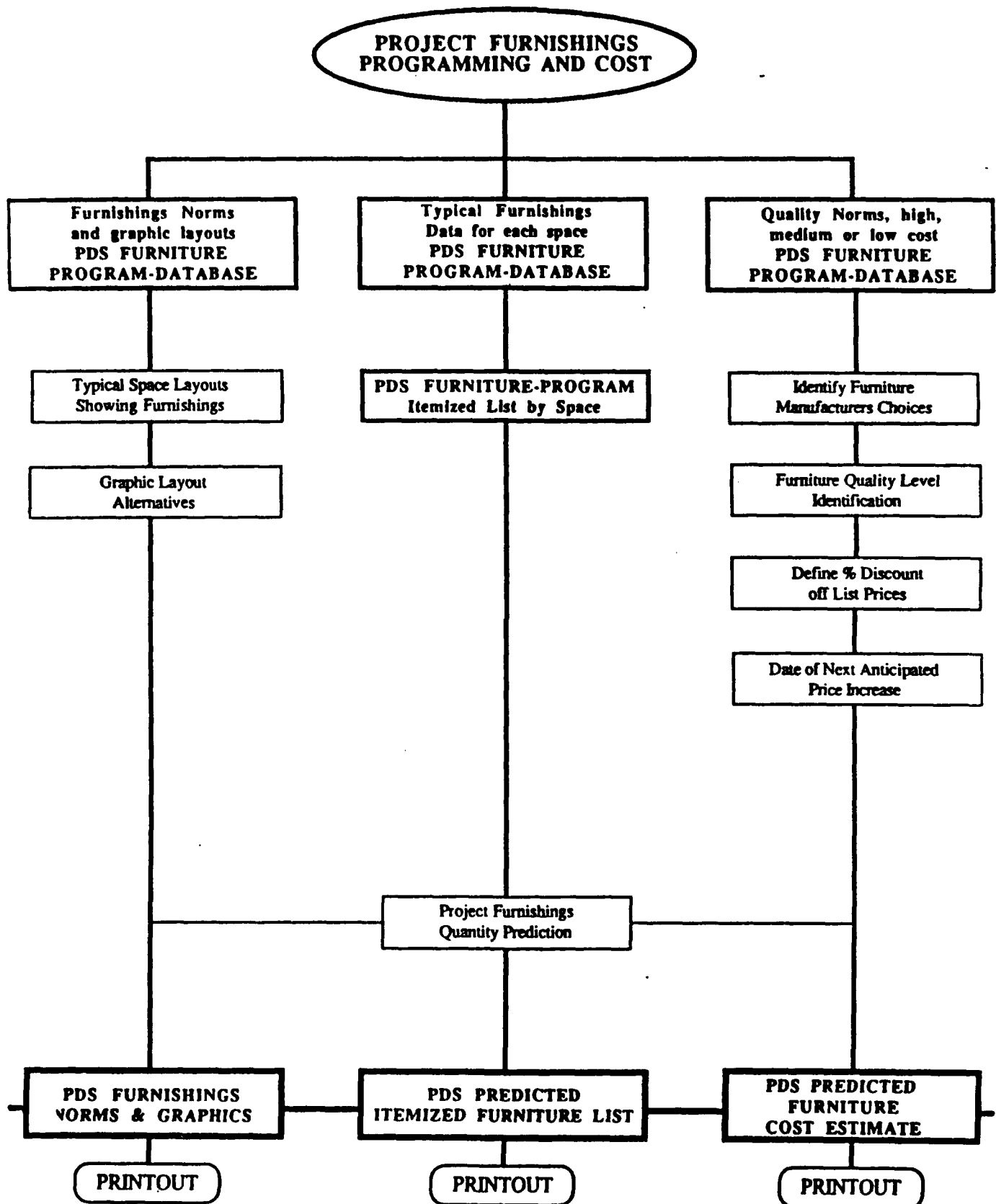


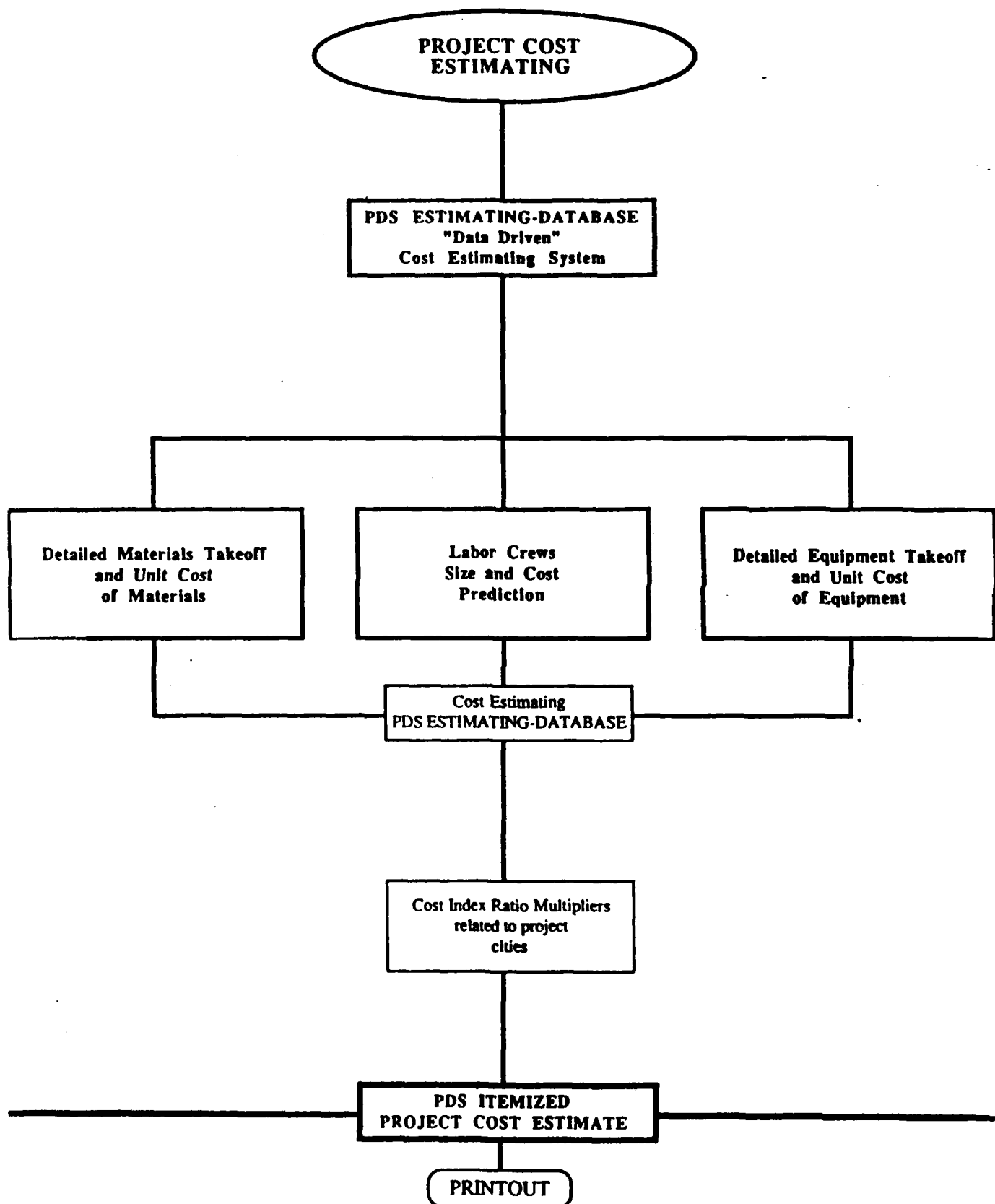


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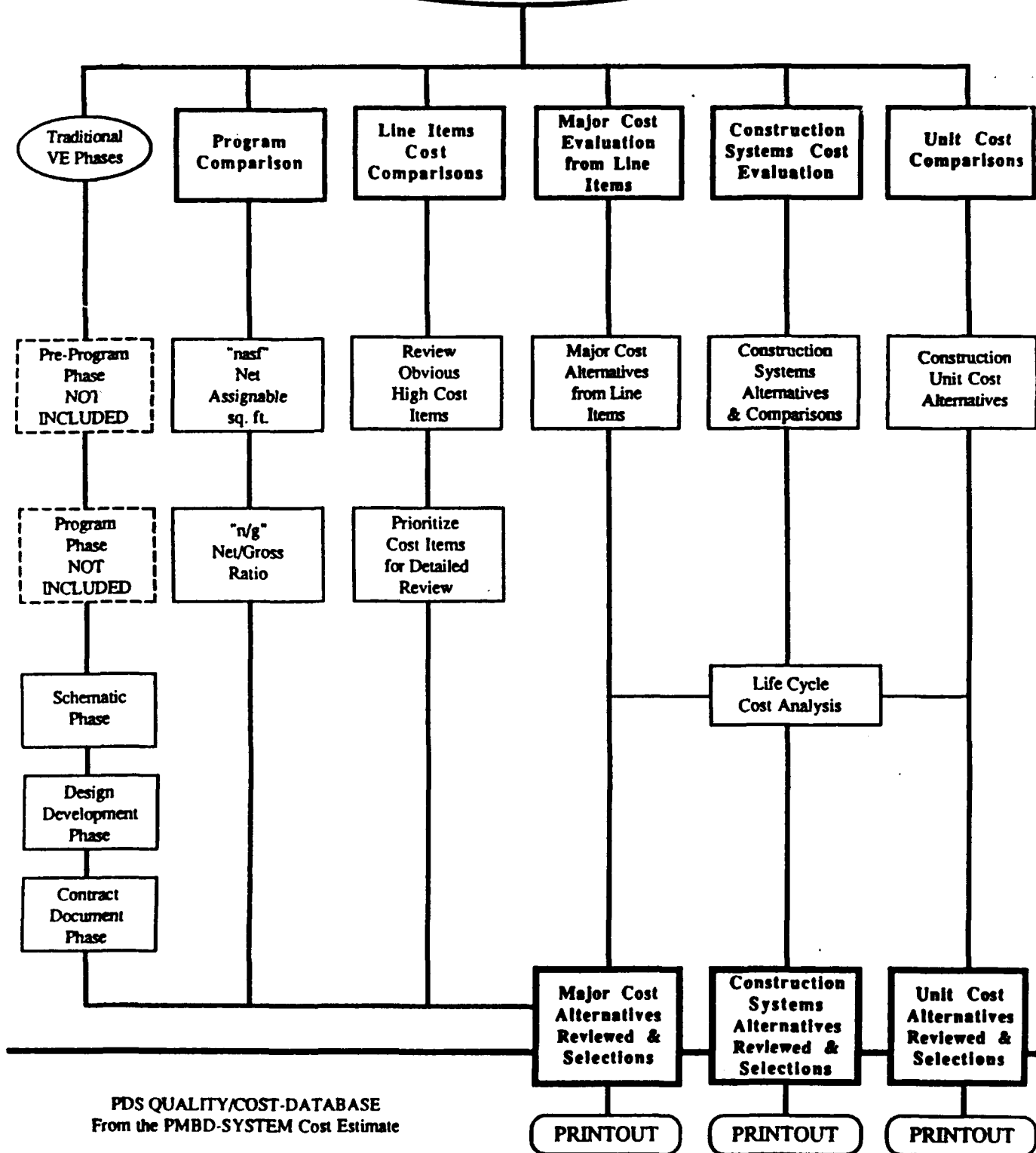


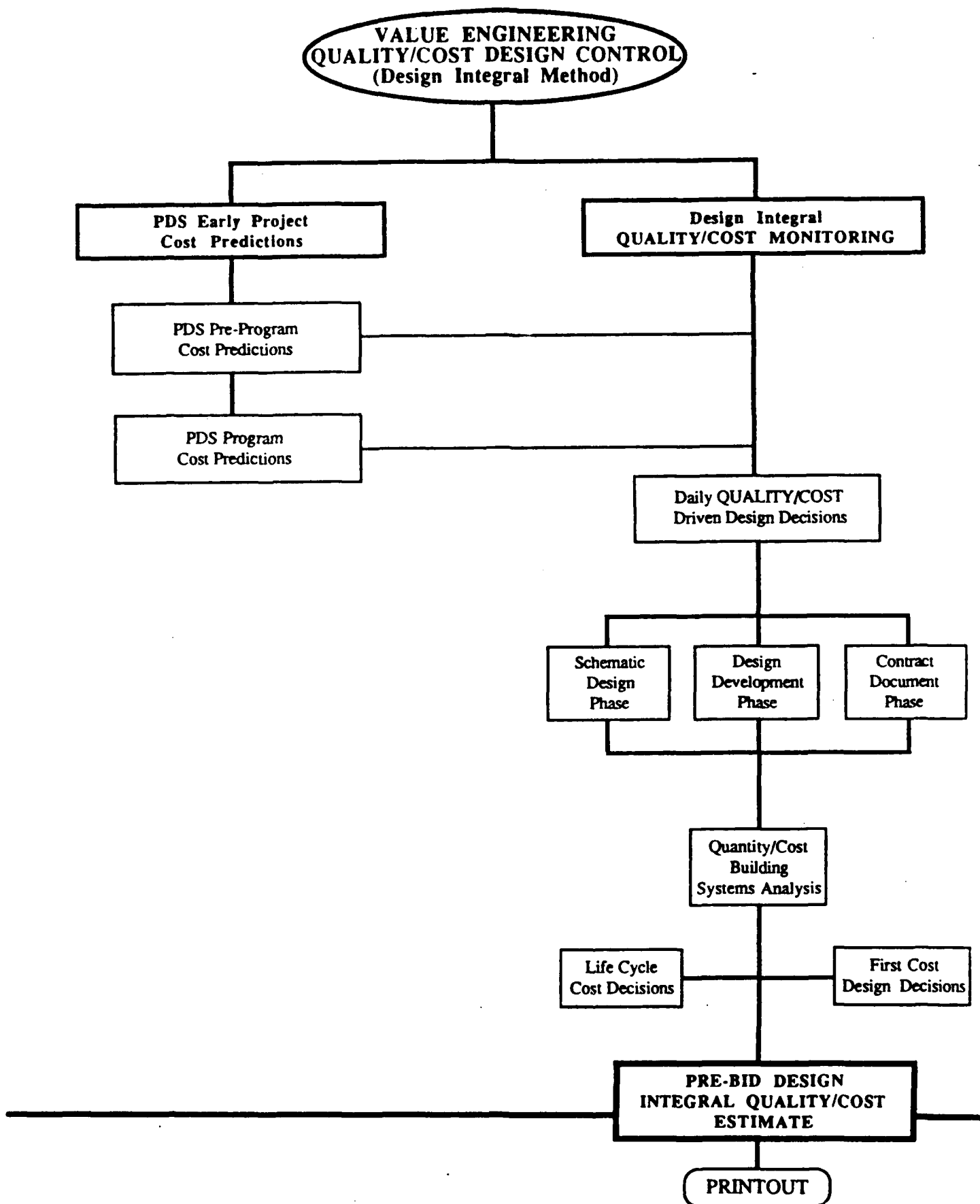






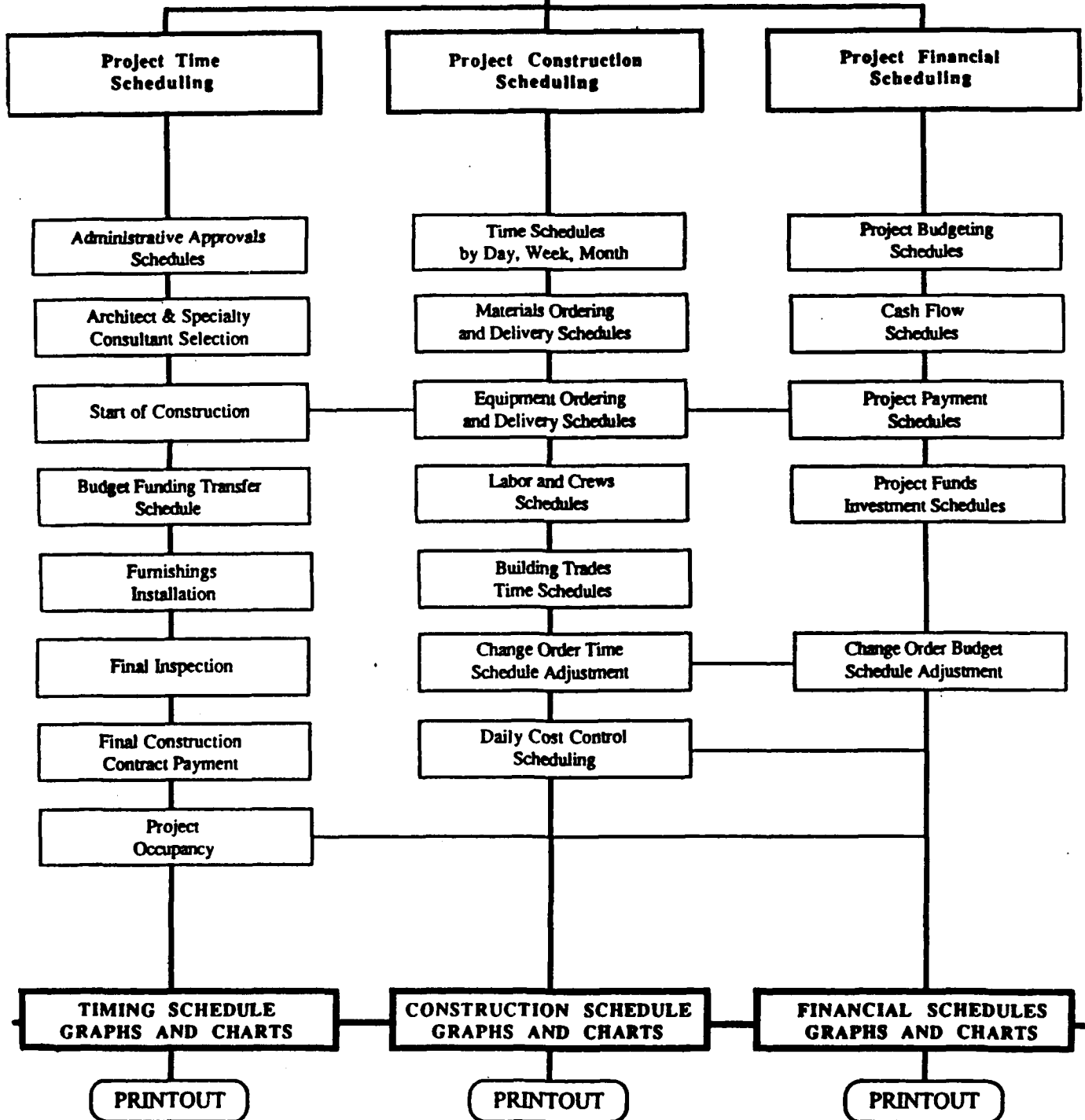
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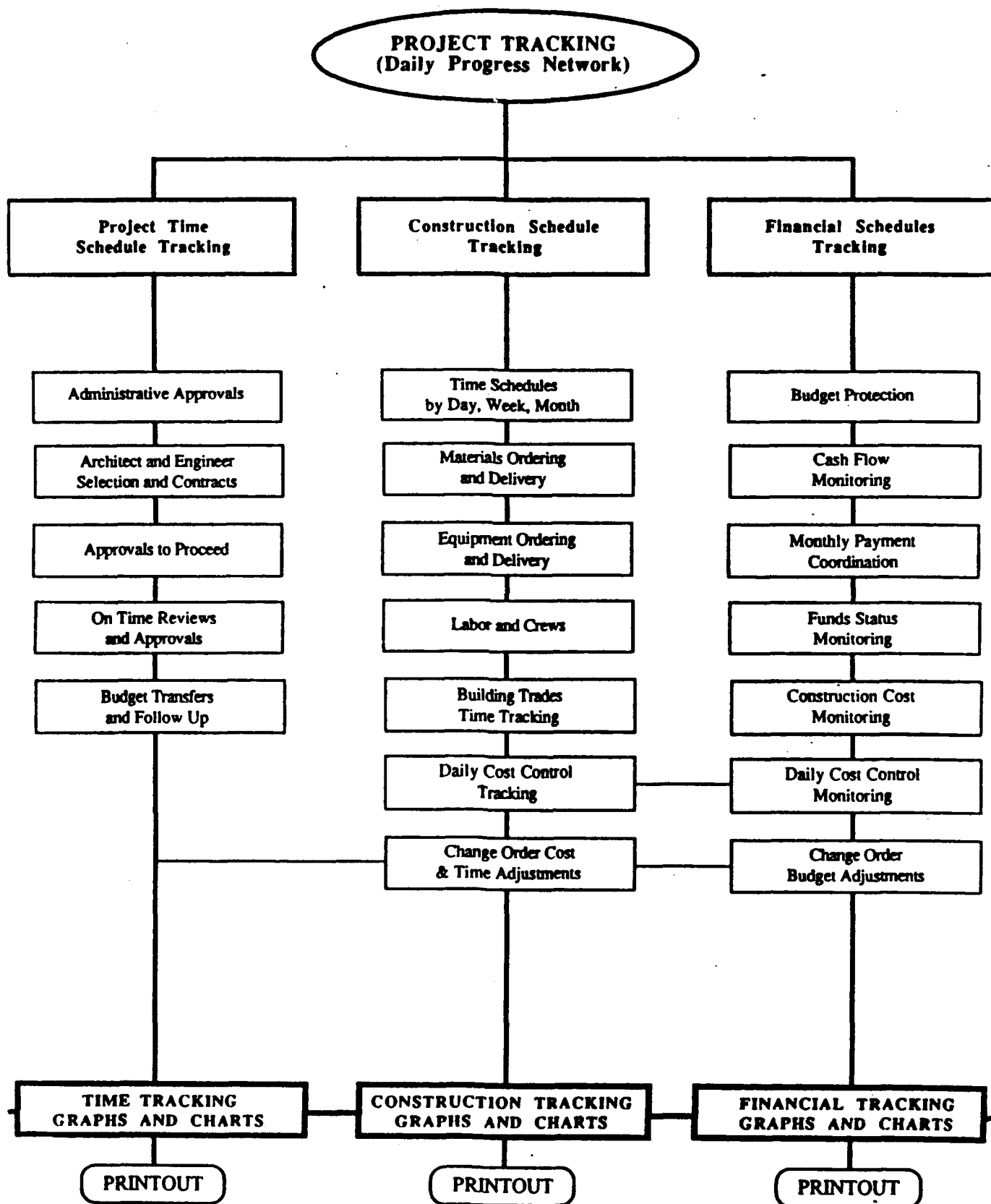




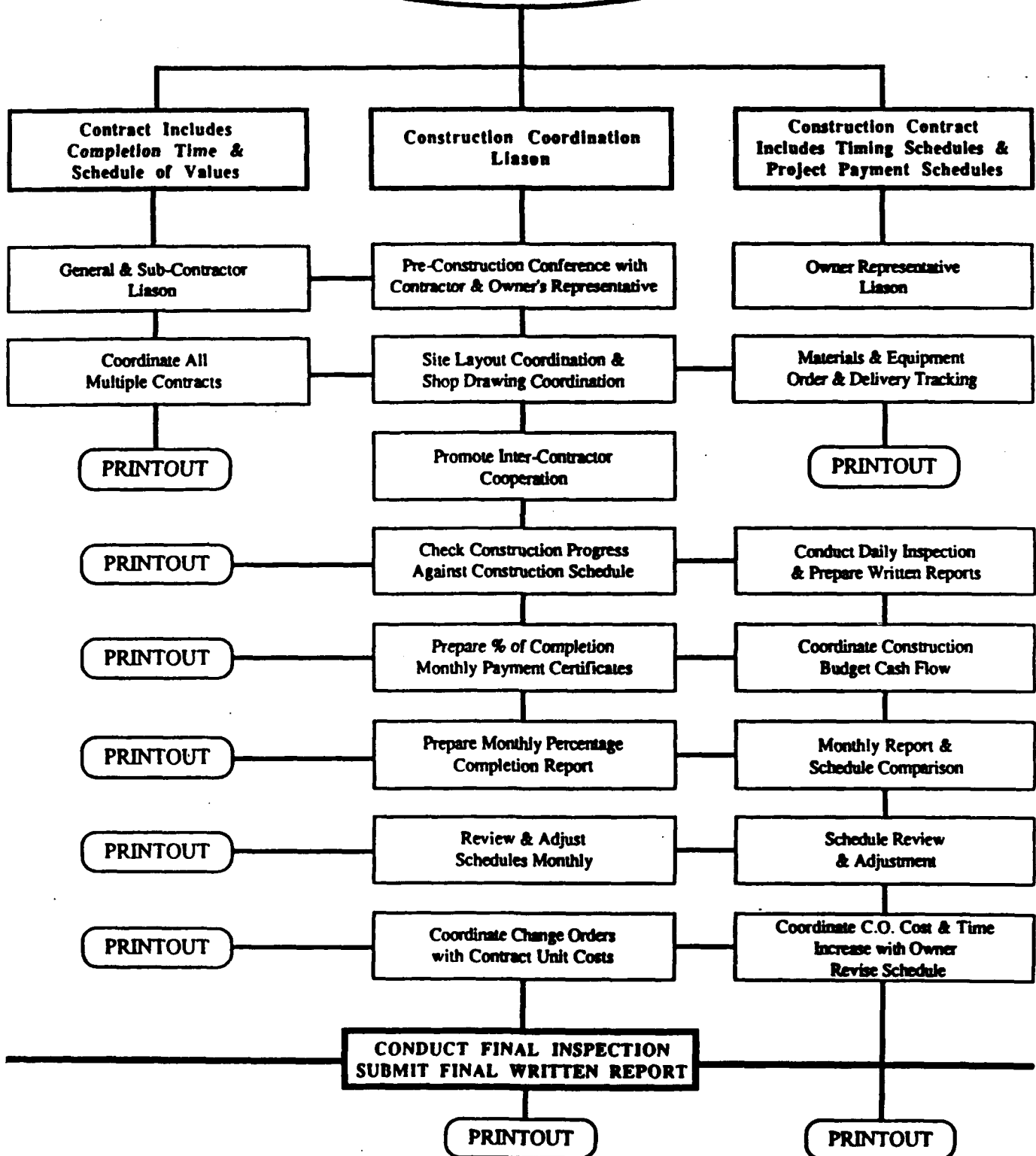
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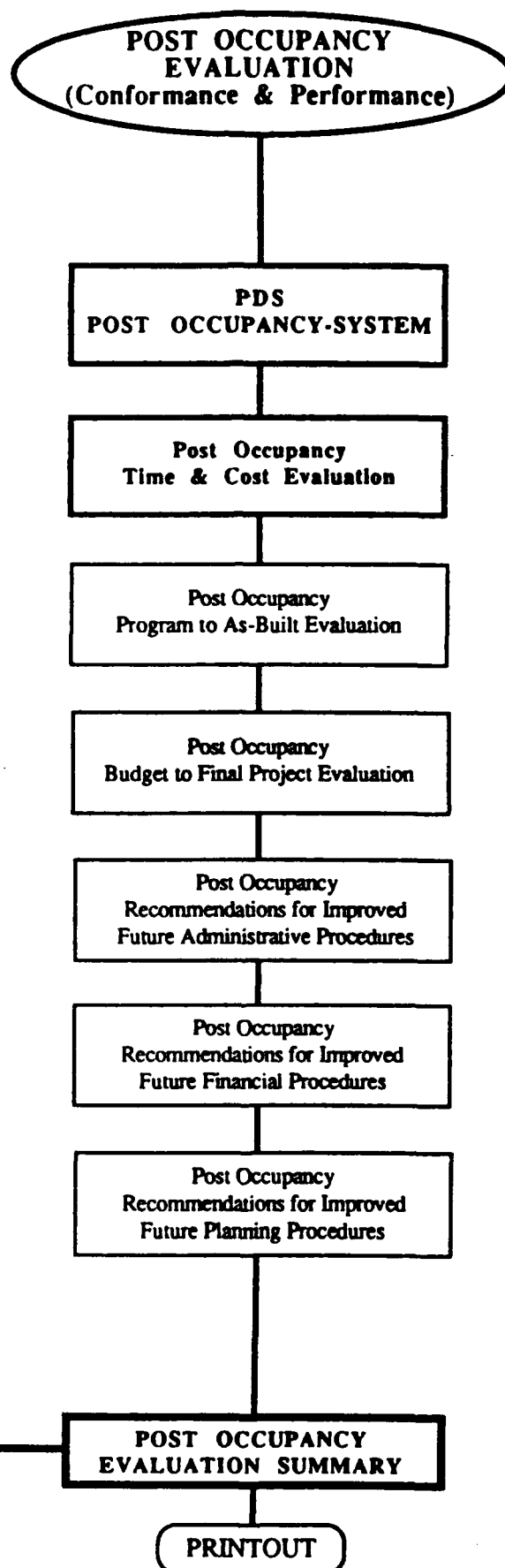
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**CONSTRUCTION
MANAGEMENT**
(Critical Path Management)





APPENDIX B: SARA Output of Facility Program Requirements

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Project Management System

PROJECT NAME : LAS CRUCES, NM
 PROJECT NUMBER :
 ESTIMATOR :
 COORDINATOR :
 STAGE OF ESTIMATE :

FSI Program Summary

Function	#/RM	nsf	gsf	Cost	Cost/gsf	Equipment
day-care homebase (infant)	1	587	587	43,121	73.46	7,331
day-care homebase (toddler)	1	521	521	38,273	73.46	6,506
day-care homebase (pre-school)	1	391	391	28,723	73.46	4,883
day-care shared space (infant)	1	287	287	23,718	82.64	4,032
day-care shared space toddler	1	167	167	13,801	82.64	2,346
day-care shared space pre-schl	1	104	104	8,595	82.64	1,461
day-care shared space school	1	235	235	19,420	82.64	3,301
day-care outside (infant)	1	0	651	29,887	45.91	5,081
day-care outside (toddler)	1	0	1,563	36,684	23.47	6,236
day-care outside (pre-school)	1	0	2,605	31,885	12.24	5,420
day-care outside (school)	1	0	8,597	78,920	9.18	13,416
day-care motor area toddler	1	125	125	10,840	86.72	1,843
day-care motor area pre-school	1	208	208	18,674	89.78	3,175
day-care motor area school	1	235	235	21,338	90.80	3,627
day-care sensory area toddler	1	125	125	10,585	84.68	1,799
day-care sensory area pre-schl	1	208	208	17,826	85.70	3,030
day-care sensory area school	1	235	235	20,379	86.72	3,464
day-care group activities pre	1	208	208	15,280	73.46	2,597
day-care group activities schl	1	313	313	24,270	77.54	4,126
day-care learning center schl	1	313	313	24,589	78.56	4,180
work room	1	110	110	8,081	73.46	1,131
kitchen/residential	1	90	90	6,244	69.38	2,061
administration offices	1	143	143	10,651	74.48	1,704
laundry room	1	143	143	15,320	107.13	3,064
foyer	1	0	180	15,610	86.72	468
office ancillary	2	32	32	2,024	63.25	102
office	2	286	286	19,842	69.38	2,976
dining area (residence)	1	567	567	31,814	56.11	3,181
kitchen storage/residential	1	80	80	4,897	61.21	245
secretary administrative	1	120	120	8,326	69.38	1,082
hall	1	0	2,223	154,232	69.38	1,536
mechanical/chase	1	0	76	4,652	61.21	0
electrical	1	0	57	4,536	79.58	286
janitor	1	0	76	6,978	91.82	0
restroom (multi-person)	1	0	324	34,710	107.13	0
walls/building	1	0	2,281	93,088	40.81	0
mechanical & electrical vault	1	0	923	207,167	224.45	0
Total	39	5,833	25,389	1,144,980	45.10	105,690

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STAGE OF ESTIMATE :

AREA DISPLAY

Zone	Rm #	FSI	Function Description	A/N	NSF	\$/NSF	BLDG TOTAL	EQ TOTAL	SF/O	OCC
L1 A	101 18 1 10 3001		day-care homebase (infant)	A	587	73.46	43121	7331	45	13
L1 A	102 18 1 10 3002		day-care homebase (toddler)	A	521	73.46	38273	6506	25	21
L1 A	103 18 1 10 3003		day-care homebase (pre-school)	A	391	73.46	28723	4883	15	26
L1 A	104 18 1 10 3004		day-care shared space (infant)	A	287	82.64	23718	4032	22	13
L1 A	105 18 1 10 3005		day-care shared space toddler	A	167	82.64	13801	2346	8	21
L1 A	106 18 1 10 3006		day-care shared space pre-schl	A	104	82.64	8595	1461	4	26
L1 A	107 18 1 10 3007		day-care shared space school	A	235	82.64	19420	3301	6	39
L1 A	108 18 1 10 3012		day-care motor area toddler	A	125	86.72	10940	1843	6	21
L1 A	109 18 1 10 3013		day-care motor area pre-school	A	208	89.78	18674	3175	8	26
L1 A	110 18 1 10 3014		day-care motor area school	A	235	90.80	21338	3627	6	39
L1 A	111 18 1 10 3015		day-care sensory area toddler	A	125	84.68	10585	1799	6	21
L1 A	112 18 1 10 3016		day-care sensory area pre-schl	A	208	85.70	17826	3030	8	26
L1 A	113 18 1 10 3017		day-care sensory area school	A	235	86.72	20379	3464	6	39
L1 A	114 18 1 10 3018		day-care group activities pre	A	208	73.46	15280	2597	8	26
L1 A	115 18 1 10 3019		day-care group activities schl	A	313	77.54	24270	4126	8	39
L1 A	116 18 1 10 3020		day-care learning center schl	A	313	78.56	24589	4180	8	39
L1 A	117 18 1 10 1912		work room	A	110	73.46	8081	1131	140	1
L1 A	118 18 1 10 890		kitchen/residential	A	90	69.38	6244	2061	120	1
L1 A	119 18 1 10 20		administration offices	A	143	74.48	10651	1704	144	1
L1 A	120 18 1 10 980		laundry room	A	143	107.13	15320	3064	100	1
L1 A	121 18 1 10 730		foyer	N	180	86.72	15610	468	20	9
L1 A	122 18 1 10 1291		office ancillary	A	16	63.26	1012	51	15	1
L1 A	123 18 1 10 1291		office ancillary	A	16	63.26	1012	51	15	1
L1 A	124 18 1 10 1290		office	A	143	69.38	9921	1488	144	1
L1 A	125 18 1 10 1290		office	A	143	69.38	9921	1488	144	1
L1 A	126 18 1 10 560		dining area(residence)	A	567	56.11	31814	3181	20	28
L1 A	127 18 1 10 911		kitchen storage/residential	A	80	61.21	4897	245	0	0
L1 A	128 18 1 10 1581		secretary administrative	A	120	69.38	8326	1082	120	1
L1 A	129 18 1 10 1920		hall	N	1200	69.38	83256	833	0	0
L1 A	130 18 1 10 1160		mechanical/chase	N	24	61.21	1469	0	*	0
L1 A	131 18 1 10 611		electrical	N	18	79.58	1432	286	25	1
L1 A	132 18 1 10 880		janitor	N	24	91.82	2204	0	0	0
L1 A	133 18 1 10 1530		restroom(multi-person)	N	282	107.13	30211	0	30	9
L1 A	134 18 1 10 1910		walls/building	N	1500	40.81	61215	0	*	0
L1 A	135 18 1 10 1150		mechanical & electrical vault	N	415	224.45	93147	0	*	0

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STAGE OF ESTIMATE :

FSI Zone Summary

Zone	n/g	nsf	gsf	Cost	Cost/gsf	Equipment
L1 A	0.62	5,833	9,476	735,175	77.58	74,834
Total	0.62	5,833	9,476	735,175	77.58	74,834

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FSI Program Summary

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day-care homebase (infant)	1	587	587	43,121	73.46	7,331
day-care homebase (toddler)	1	521	521	38,273	73.46	6,506
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kitchen storage/residential	1	80	80	4,897	61.21	245
secretary administrative	1	120	120	8,326	69.38	1,082
hall	1	0	1,200	83,256	69.38	833
mechanical/chase	1	0	24	1,469	61.21	0
electrical	1	0	18	1,432	79.56	286
janitor	1	0	24	2,204	91.83	0
rest room (multi-person)	1	0	282	30,211	107.13	0
walls/building	1	0	1,500	61,215	40.81	0
mechanical & electrical vault	1	0	415	93,147	224.45	0
Total	35	5,833	9,476	735,175	77.58	74,834

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FSI Summary

	FSI	n/g	nsf	gsf	Cost	Cost/gsf	Equipment
18 DEFENSE DEPARTMENT							
1 DEFENSE DEPARTMENT							
10 CHILD CARE CENTER		0.62	5,833	9,476	735,175	77.58	74,834
Total		0.62	5,833	9,476	735,175	77.58	74,834

APPENDIX C: SARA Output of Facility CPM Schedule

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Project Schedule Summary

Project Start Date: 1 JAN 1992
Project Completion Date: 24 JUN 1992
Total Calendar Days: 175

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		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
ONE	DESCRIPTION																			
1	0 BEGINNING OF PROJECT																			
SITE	418 sewer manhole																			
SITE	419 sewer line trench gravel fill																			
SITE	420 sewer pipe																			
SITE	421 sewer trench excavation																			
SITE	422 sewer trench backfill																			
SITE	423 gas service pipe																			
SITE	424 gas line trench gravel fill																			
SITE	425 gas trench excavation																			
SITE	426 gas trench backfill																			
SITE	427 water service pipe																			
SITE	428 water line trench gravel fill																			
SITE	429 water trench excavation																			
SITE	430 water trench backfill																			
SITE	431 water gate valves																			
SITE	432 water valve boxes																			
SITE	433 site drainage piping																			
SITE	434 site drainage gravel fill																			
SITE	435 site drainage trench excavation																			
SITE	436 site drainage trench backfill																			
SITE	437 power distribution wire																			
SITE	438 power trench gravel fill																			
SITE	439 power trench excavation																			
SITE	440 power trench backfill																			
SITE	441 power distribution conduit																			
SITE	463 communication distribution wire																			
SITE	464 communication trench gravel fill																			
SITE	465 communication trench excavation																			
SITE	466 communication trench backfill																			
SITE	467 communication distribution conduit																			
SITE	468 CATV distribution wire																			
SITE	469 CATV trench gravel fill																			
SITE	470 CATV trench excavation																			
SITE	471 CATV trench backfill																			
SITE	472 CATV distribution conduit																			
SITE	473 parking pavement																			
SITE	474 curb and gutter																			
SITE	475 base course																			
SITE	476 spread base course																			

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ONE L# DESCRIPTION		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
SITE	477 base preparation						==													
SITE	478 paint stripes																			
SITE	479 parking lot lighting																			
SITE	480 parking lot light poles																			
SITE	481 electric to parking lot lights																			
SITE	482 sidewalk, parking																			
SITE	483 landscape, parking																			
SITE	484 irrigation, parking																			
SITE	485 pedestrian lighting																			
SITE	486 pedestrian light poles																			
SITE	487 electric to pedestrian lights																			
SITE	488 sidewalk, building																			
SITE	489 landscape, building																			
SITE	490 irrigation, building landscape																			
SITE	491 excavate site bulk																			
SITE	492 backfill site and compaction																			
L1 AA	1 concrete, strip footing																			
L1 AA	3 formwork, strip footing																			
L1 AA	5 reinforcing, strip footing																			
L1 AA	7 excavation, strip footing																			
L1 AA	9 concrete placement, strip footing																			
L1 AA	11 backfill, strip footing																			
L1 AA	13 concrete, foundation wall																			
L1 AA	15 formwork, foundation wall																			
L1 AA	17 reinforcing, foundation wall																			
L1 AA	19 concrete placement, foundation wall																			
L1 AA	21 concrete column stem, foundation wall																			
L1 AA	22 concrete placement, foundation wall																			
L1 AA	23 reinforcing column stem, foundation wall																			
L1 AA	24 formwork column stem																			
L1 AA	25 concrete, slab on grade, 4"																			
L1 AA	27 formwork, slab on grade, 4"																			
L1 AA	29 finishing, slab on grade, 4"																			
L1 AA	31 reinforcing, slab on grade, 4"																			
L1 AA	33 concrete placement, slab on grade, 4"																			
L1 AA	493 fence, 5'-0" H. w/H beam posts																			
L1 AA	494 fence, for corner posts add, 3" dia. alum.																			
L1 AA	495 fence, gate, 4' wide, 5' H. 2" frame, alum.																			
L1 AA	506 slides, stainless steel bed, 12' long 6' H.																			

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ONE L# DESCRIPTION		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
L1 AA	507 playground equip. horiz. monkey ladder, 14' long																			
L1 AA	508 playground equip. poles, multiple purpose, 10'-6" long																			
L1 AA	509 playground equip. see-saw, steel, 2 units																			
L1 AA	510 swings, 8 seats 8' H. plain seats																			
L1 AA	511 swings, 8 seats 12' H. plain seats																			
L1 AA	512 playground equip. bike rack, 10' long, permanent																			
L1 AA	513 playground equip. posts, tether ball set, 2-3/8" OD																			
L1 AA	514 playground equip. whirlers, 8' dia.																			
L1 AA	515 slides, stainless steel bed, 20' long 10' H.																			

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ONE L# DESCRIPTION		122	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
L1 AA	29 finishing, slab on grade, 4"																				
L1 AA	56 hollow metal door, 3x7'																				
L1 AA	68 hollow metal door frame, 3x7'																				
L1 AA	77 misc. wood blocking																				
L1 AA	101 metal door frame, 3x7'																				
L1 AA	111 metal door frame, 3x7'																				
L1 AA	112 hollow metal door, 3x7'																				
L1 AA	122 hollow metal door frame, 3x7'																				
L1 AA	152 pipe, gas, black steel																				
L1 AA	154 valves																				
L1 AA	161 pipe, cast iron, no hub, 2" dia																				
L1 AA	162 pipe, cast iron, no hub, 1 1/2 " dia																				
L1 AA	163 pipe, copper type L, 1/2" dia.																				
L1 AA	166 pipe, copper type L, 1/2" dia.																				
L1 AA	167 pipe, cast iron, no hub, 3" dia.																				
L1 AA	168 pipe, cast iron, no hub, 2" dia.																				
L1 AA	178 urnial wall hung																				
L1 AA	179 urnial rough-in supply, waste & vent																				
L1 AA	181 pipe, cast iron, no hub, 3" dia.																				
L1 AA	183 pipe, cast iron, no hub, 4" dia.																				
L1 AA	185 pipe, copper type L, 1" dia.																				
L1 AA	187 pipe, copper type L, 3/4" dia.																				
L1 AA	189 valves																				
L1 AA	191 water heater, 120 gallon, electric																				
L1 AA	192 pipe, copper type L, 1 " dia.																				
L1 AA	200 roof drain, cast iron, 6" dia																				
L1 AA	202 cast iron pipe, 6" dia.																				
L1 AA	306 transformer, oil filled																				
L1 AA	337 16" open web joists, 30-50'																				
L1 AA	339 1 1/2" steel deck (qdeck)																				
L1 AA	341 rigid insulation																				
L1 AA	343 misc. angle iron																				
L1 AA	352 hydrant																				
L1 AA	353 sprinkler alarm																				
L1 AA	354 sprinkler check valve																				
L1 AA	355 sprinkler head																				
L1 AA	357 water flow valve																				
L1 AA	358 bypass meter																				
L1 AA	359 pipe, steel water 3/4																				
L1 AA	361 pipe, steel water 2"																				
L1 AA	363 pipe, steel water 4"																				
L1 AA	365 sprinkler head chrome, additional																				
L1 AA	367 siamese connector																				

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	122	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	:	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
L1 AA 368 sprinkler alarm																					
L1 AA 369 gong & motor																					
L1 AA 370 batteries & solenoid																					
L1 AA 371 pipe, steel water 6"																					
L1 AA 372 fire extinguisher																					
L1 AA 374 fire extinguish cabinet																					
L1 AA 499 pipe, cast iron, 2"																					
L1 AA 500 pipe, copper type L																					
L1 AA 501 valves																					
L1 AA 516 sand for mortar, screened & washed at the pit																					

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L1	AA	41 sheathing, 1/2", ext. wall																												
L1	AA	70 aluminum, single hung window																												
L1	AA	71 asphalt & gravel, 3 ply																												
L1	AA	73 cants																												
L1	AA	75 flashing																												
L1	AA	77 misc. wood blocking																												
L1	AA	140 rooftop unit, multizone																												
L1	AA	142 duct, steel galvanized, 24" dia.																												
L1	AA	144 duct, steel galvanized, 14" dia.																												
L1	AA	146 duct, steel galvanized, 10" dia.																												
L1	AA	150 thermostat and controls																												
L1	AA	156 insulation, fiberglass																												
L1	AA	158 test and balance																												
L1	AA	174 exhaust fan																												
L1	AA	175 vent piping																												
L1	AA	185 pipe, copper type L, 1" dia.																												
L1	AA	187 pipe, copper type L, 3/4" dia.																												
L1	AA	192 pipe, copper type L, 1 " dia.																												
L1	AA	194 insulation																												
L1	AA	196 conduit, 1" dia																												
L1	AA	204 outlet box																												
L1	AA	208 outlet cover																												
L1	AA	210 junction box																												
L1	AA	212 conduit, 3/4" emt																												
L1	AA	214 conduit, 1 1/2" emt																												
L1	AA	226 conduit, 3/4" emt																												
L1	AA	233 junction boxes																												
L1	AA	235 conduit, 1" dia. emt																												
L1	AA	238 switch box																												
L1	AA	239 light cover																												
L1	AA	240 conduit, 3/4" emt																												
L1	AA	246 junction boxes																												
L1	AA	250 conduit, 1" dia. emt																												
L1	AA	256 switch box																												
L1	AA	258 light cover																												
L1	AA	260 conduit, 3/4" emt																												
L1	AA	269 junction boxes																												
L1	AA	271 conduit, 1" dia. emt																												
L1	AA	274 switch box																												
L1	AA	275 light cover																												
L1	AA	276 conduit, 3/4" emt																												
L1	AA	280 communication outlet box																												
L1	AA	282 outlet cover																												

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L1	AA	284 conduit, 3/4" emt																													
L1	AA	286 cable trays																													
L1	AA	290 conduit, 3/4" emt																													
L1	AA	292 conduit, 1" emt																													
L1	AA	302 conduit, 4" emt																													
L1	AA	308 conduit, 4"																													
L1	AA	333 face brick, standard																													
L1	AA	341 rigid insulation																													
L1	AA	355 sprinkler head																													
L1	AA	359 pipe, steel water 3/4																													
L1	AA	361 pipe, steel water 2"																													
L1	AA	363 pipe, steel water 4"																													
L1	AA	503 conduit, 3/4"																													
L1	BA	2 concrete, strip footing																													
L1	BA	4 formwork, strip footing																													
L1	BA	6 reinforcing, strip footing																													
L1	BA	8 excavation, strip footing																													
L1	BA	10 concrete placement, strip footing																													
L1	BA	12 backfill, strip footing																													
L1	BA	14 concrete, foundation wall																													
L1	BA	16 formwork, foundation wall																													
L1	BA	18 reinforcing, foundation wall																													
L1	BA	20 concrete placement, foundation wall																													
L1	BA	26 concrete, slab on grade, 4"																													
L1	BA	28 formwork, slab on grade, 4"																													
L1	BA	30 finishing, slab on grade, 4"																													
L1	BA	32 reinforcing, slab on grade, 4"																													
L1	BA	34 concrete placement, slab on grade, 4"																													
L1	BA	36 standard steel stud, 6", ext. wall																													

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ONE L# DESCRIPTION		14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	4
L1 AA	35 standard steel stud, 6", ext. wall																						
L1 AA	37 gypsum wall board, ext. wall																						
L1 AA	39 insulation, fiberglass batt, ext. wall																						
L1 AA	43 tape & bedding joints, ext. wall																						
L1 AA	51 thincoat																						
L1 AA	71 asphalt & gravel, 3 ply																						
L1 AA	75 flashing																						
L1 AA	79 load bearing studs, 20 ga. galv. 3-5/8", 16" OC																						
L1 AA	81 gypsum wall board, 5/8", both sides																						
L1 AA	83 tape & bedding joints, int wall																						
L1 AA	85 texture																						
L1 AA	156 insulation, fiberglass																						
L1 AA	194 insulation																						
L1 AA	196 conduit, 1" dia																						
L1 AA	198 conductor, copper #10, 3 wire																						
L1 AA	204 outlet box																						
L1 AA	212 conduit, 3/4" emt																						
L1 AA	216 wire, #14 copper																						
L1 AA	218 wire, #12 copper																						
L1 AA	220 panel board																						
L1 AA	224 special outlet 220v																						
L1 AA	228 wire, #8 copper																						
L1 AA	235 conduit, 1" dia. emt																						
L1 AA	236 wire, #12 copper																						
L1 AA	241 wire, #8 copper																						
L1 AA	242 panel board																						
L1 AA	252 wire, #12 copper																						
L1 AA	262 wire, #8 copper																						
L1 AA	264 panel board																						
L1 AA	272 wire, #12 copper																						
L1 AA	277 wire, #8 copper																						
L1 AA	278 panel board																						
L1 AA	284 conduit, 3/4" emt																						
L1 AA	294 wire, #10 copper																						
L1 AA	296 panel boards																						
L1 AA	300 wire, #10 copper																						
L1 AA	304 panel board, main distribution																						
L1 AA	307 wire, 500 MCM conductor																						
L1 AA	316 smoke detectors																						
L1 AA	332 sound system																						
L1 AA	333 face brick, standard																						
L1 AA	335 spray on structural steel, 1 1/2" thick																						
L1 AA	504 wire, #8 copper																						

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L1	AA	505 dryer outlet																												
L1	BA	36 standard steel stud, 6", ext. wall		=																										
L1	BA	38 gypsum wall board, ext. wall		=																										
L1	BA	44 tape & bedding joints, ext. wall		=																										
L1	BA	46 painting, masonry											=																	
L1	BA	48 paint concrete walls											=																	
L1	BA	50 vinyl wall paper											=																	
L1	BA	52 thincoat		=																										
L1	BA	54 painting on thincoat											=																	
L1	BA	59 paint door & frame, 3x7'											=																	
L1	BA	82 gypsum wall board, 5/8", both sides		=																										
L1	BA	84 tape & bedding joints, int wall		=																										
L1	BA	86 texture		=																										
L1	BA	88 paint											=			=														
L1	BA	98 paint walls, 3 coat											=			=														
L1	BA	115 paint door & frame, 3x7'											=																	
L1	BA	134 painting exposed metal											=			=														
L1	BA	143 duct, steel galvanized, 24" dia.		=		=		=																						
L1	BA	145 duct, steel galvanized, 14" dia.		=		=																								
L1	BA	147 duct, steel galvanized, 10" dia.		=		=																								
L1	BA	157 insulation, fiberglass		=		=		=			=		=		=		=		=											
L1	BA	159 test and balance		=																										
L1	BA	199 conductor, copper #10, 3 wire		=																										
L1	BA	207 receptacle																												
L1	BA	217 wire, #14 copper		=																										
L1	BA	219 wire, #12 copper		=																										
L1	BA	221 panel board		=		=		=																						
L1	BA	223 circuit breakers				=			=		=		=																	
L1	BA	229 wire, #8 copper		=		=																								

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ONE	L#	DESCRIPTION																			
L1	AA	35	standard steel stud, 6", ext. wall																		
L1	AA	55	wood paneling																		
L1	AA	79	load bearing studs, 20 ga. galv. 3-5/8", 16" OC																		
L1	AA	81	gypsum wall board, 5/8", both sides																		
L1	AA	83	tape & bedding joints, int wall																		
L1	AA	85	texture																		
L1	AA	90	ceramic tile, walls																		
L1	AA	99	paneling																		
L1	AA	128	ceramic tile floor																		
L1	AA	129	ceramic tile base																		
L1	AA	132	2x4' panels, with grid system complete																		
L1	AA	160	lavatory rough in, complete																		
L1	AA	164	lav. wall hung porc. enamel on c.i.																		
L1	AA	165	water closet rough in, complete																		
L1	AA	169	water closet, one piece, floor mntd.																		
L1	AA	196	conduit, 1" dia																		
L1	AA	198	conductor, copper #10, 3 wire																		
L1	AA	216	wire, #14 copper																		
L1	AA	218	wire, #12 copper																		
L1	AA	222	circuit breakers																		
L1	AA	230	circuit breaker																		
L1	AA	232	fluorescent, 2x4' light fixture																		
L1	AA	234	flexible conduit, 3/4" dia.																		
L1	AA	243	circuit breakers																		
L1	AA	244	fluorescent, 1x8' light fixture																		
L1	AA	248	flexible conduit, 3/4" dia.																		
L1	AA	266	circuit breakers																		
L1	AA	268	incandescent recessed fixture																		
L1	AA	270	flexible conduit, 3/4" dia.																		
L1	AA	279	circuit breakers																		
L1	AA	288	safety switch																		
L1	AA	298	circuit breakers																		
L1	AA	300	wire, 4/0 copper																		
L1	AA	305	circuit breaker																		
L1	AA	309	dishwasher																		
L1	AA	310	range																		
L1	AA	311	cook top																		
L1	AA	312	built in oven																		
L1	AA	313	microwave oven																		
L1	AA	314	garbage disposal																		
L1	AA	315	refrigerator																		
L1	AA	317	range hood																		
L1	AA	318	trash compactor																		

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ONE	L# DESCRIPTION														
L1 AA	319 kitchen cabinets, upper														
L1 AA	320 kitchen cabinets, lower														
L1 AA	321 kitchen counter top														
L1 AA	327 emergency lighting														
L1 AA	496 med. cabinets, sliding mirror doors, 34" x 21", unlighted														
L1 AA	497 clothes washer														
L1 AA	498 clothes dryer														
L1 AA	502 breaker														
L1 AA	504 wire, #8 copper														
L1 AA	517 shelving pine, clear grade, no edge band, 1" x 10"														

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		15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
ONE	L# DESCRIPTION														
L1 AA	132 2x4' panels, with grid system complete														
L1 AA	148 supply register														
L1 AA	149 return register														
L1 AA	232 fluorescent, 2x4' light fixture														
L1 AA	305 circuit breaker														

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ONE	L#	DESCRIPTION	16	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24													
L1	AA	45 painting, masonry																																
L1	AA	47 paint concrete walls																																
L1	AA	49 vinyl wall paper																																
L1	AA	53 painting on thincoat																																
L1	AA	58 paint door & frame, 3x7'																																
L1	AA	87 paint																																
L1	AA	89 vinyl wall paper																																
L1	AA	97 paint walls, 3 coat																																
L1	AA	102 paint door & frame, 3x7'																																
L1	AA	107 paint door & frame, 3x7'																																
L1	AA	114 paint door & frame, 3x7'																																
L1	AA	133 painting exposed metal																																
L1	AA	135 paint ceiling																																
L1	AA	148 supply register																																
L1	AA	149 return register																																
L1	AA	232 fluorescent, 2x4' light fixture																																

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ONE	LI DESCRIPTION	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W
L1 AA	60 bb hinges														
L1 AA	62 lockset														
L1 AA	64 panic hardware														
L1 AA	66 door closer														
L1 AA	87 paint														
L1 AA	97 paint walls, 3 coat														
L1 AA	100 hollow core door, 3x7'														
L1 AA	103 ball bearing hinges														
L1 AA	104 lockset														
L1 AA	105 doorstop														
L1 AA	106 solid core door, 3x7'														
L1 AA	108 ball bearing hinges														
L1 AA	109 lockset														
L1 AA	110 doorstop														
L1 AA	116 ball bearing hinges														
L1 AA	118 lockset														
L1 AA	120 doorstop														
L1 AA	124 26 oz. carpet														
L1 AA	125 vinyl base														
L1 AA	126 60 oz. carpet														
L1 AA	127 vinyl base														
L1 AA	130 vinyl floor covering														
L1 AA	131 vinyl base														
L1 AA	136 chalk board														
L1 AA	137 bulletin board														
L1 AA	170 toilet tissue dispenser, double roll														
L1 AA	171 soap dispenser														
L1 AA	172 mirror & shelf, flush mount														
L1 AA	173 toilet cubicles, metal, floor mounted														
L1 AA	176 towel dispenser														
L1 AA	177 feminine napkin dispenser														
L1 AA	180 toilet urinal screen														
L1 AA	206 receptacle														
L1 AA	237 switch, toggle, 20 amp														
L1 AA	254 switch, toggle, 20 amp														
L1 AA	273 switch, toggle, 20 amp														
L1 AA	345 toilet tissue dispenser, double roll														
L1 AA	346 soap dispenser														
L1 AA	347 mirror & shelf, flush mount														
L1 AA	348 toilet partition, metal, floor mounted														
L1 AA	349 grab bar, 1-1/2" dia. stainless, 36"														
L1 AA	350 grab bar, 1-1/2" dia. stainless, 18"														
L1 AA	351 urinal screen, metal, floor mounted														

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ONE L# DESCRIPTION		117	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	1	2	3	4	5									
L1	AA 130 vinyl floor covering																												
L1	AA 138 classroom chairs																												
L1	AA 139 table & arm																												
L1	AA 206 receptacle																												
L1	AA 322 booths																												

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ONE L# DESCRIPTION		18	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26									
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L1 AA	130 vinyl floor covering																												
L1 AA	138 classroom chairs																												
L1 AA	139 table & arm																												
L1 AA	206 receptacle																												
L1 AA	322 booths																												

APPENDIX D: SARA Output of Facility Cash Flow Projections

Cash flow analysis for project:

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER (99 CHILDREN - INFANT THRU 12 YR)

START DATE: 1 JAN 92

CONTRACT:

859,893

DATE	%	PREVIOUS APPLICATION	CURRENT APPLICATION	TOTAL COMPLETED	RETAINAGE	TOTAL REMAINING
15 FEB 92	12	0	103,188	103,188	5,159	761,864
15 MAR 92	30	103,188	154,780	257,968	12,898	614,823
15 APR 92	54	154,780	206,375	464,343	21,497	417,047
15 MAY 92	78	206,375	206,374	670,717	21,497	210,673
15 JUN 92	96	206,374	154,781	825,498	21,497	55,892
15 JUL 92	100	154,781	34,395	859,893	0	0

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